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Thu 2100	WRMI	9955
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Fri 1430	WRMI	9955
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Sat 0800	WRMI	9955
Sat 0800	IPAR/IRRS/NEXUS/IBA	9515 [second, fourth, fifth Saturdays, maybe]
Sat 1400	WRMI	9955
Sat 1600	WWCR2	12160
Sat 1730	WRMI	9955
Sat 1800	IPAR/IRRS/NEXUS/IBA	7290
Sun 0230	WWCR3	4840
Sun 0630	WWCR1	3215
Sun 0800	WRMI	9955
Sun 1530	WRMI	9955
Sun 1730	WRMI	9955

Tue 1530 WRMI 9955
Tue 1900 WBCQ 7415
Tue 2230 WRMI 9955
Wed 0030 WRMI 9955

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** AFGHANISTAN. U.S. CIVILIANS DONATE RADIOS TO AFGHANS
By JIM LANDERS / The Dallas Morning News

The U.S. military's mission in Afghanistan is more often about helping farmers and teachers than firefights with the Taliban. That gives people at home, like Royse City plastics maker John Stettler, a way to support the war by helping the military help the Afghans.

[Click image for a larger version] KAYANA SZYMCZAK/DMN
From his business, J+M Plastics in Royse City, John Stettler helps U.S. forces and Afghans by providing hand-crank or solar radios through Spirit of America. He put up \$10,000 this year to buy radios for villagers in Helmand province.

Stettler put up \$10,000 this year to buy radios for villagers in Afghanistan's Helmand province. A battalion of U.S. Marines is handing out these solar and hand-crank radios in places where there is no electricity.

"If we send Americans to risk their lives in other countries, it's important for civilians to do their part," said Stettler, 53. "It's a citizen's duty."

Stettler's \$10,000 was a challenge grant given to Spirit of America,

a Los Angeles charity. Jim Hake, founder of Spirit of America, asked Stettler and other donors to respond after he got an appeal for radios from the 3rd Battalion of the 1st Marine Division in Garmsir.

The appeal raised \$30,000 that's being spent on 3,000 radios shipped directly to the Marines in Afghanistan.

"Broadly speaking, we help the troops help the local people," Hake said. "From our perspective, by providing radios, we're helping to open families and villages to outside information and music as well. From the Marine Corps' perspective, it also opens villages to outside information and helps them combat Taliban propaganda."

Hake said Brig. Gen. Larry Nicholson, who led the Marine forces into Helmand province last year, told him: "We spend 10 percent of our time hunting and 90 percent of our time helping."

U.S. generals running the war in Afghanistan say information is one of the key battlefields, and radio is the medium both sides use in this fight. Most Afghans live in small villages, cannot read or write, and don't have electricity. Their news comes over the radio.

Taliban stations

Media surveys in Afghanistan by aid groups have found most villages have had radios since U.S. forces overthrew the Taliban almost nine years ago. But the radio in the tea shop or mosque, powered by a small generator or a car battery, could be tuned by a Taliban sympathizer to a Taliban station. Giving families their own radios lets them listen to something else.

So far this year, U.S. forces and their allies have handed out 45,000 radios and put on-air many of their own radio stations.

"We have three radio stations set up on combat outposts, with a fourth station coming in the next couple of weeks," Lt. Col. Ben Watson, the 3rd Battalion's commanding officer, wrote in an e-mail from Garmsir.

Watson explained that the stations are manned by two local Afghan DJs and Marines working with translators. They offer a mix of programming, including local leaders supporting the government, music and news.

"We encourage locals to write in or tell our patrols what they like and don't like about the programming so that we can constantly improve," he wrote.

Scores of radio stations are operating in Afghanistan and sending signals from across the border in Pakistan. The Afghan government,

Britain's BBC and the U.S. government's Voice of America broadcast nationwide.

Voice of America also sends FM and short-wave signals into the tribal regions of Pakistan across the Afghan border — an area rich in Taliban radio operations as well, according to a State Department inspector general's report released last year.

"The Taliban operate a large number of unlicensed FM transmitters throughout the region," the report found. "While they have limited range, these 'rogue' stations regularly broadcast propaganda, including frequent claims for terrorist actions carried out by the Taliban."

Media groups operating in Afghanistan say villagers are skeptical of the Afghan government's broadcasts and prefer programs that relate information about their local area. That's where the Taliban and the U.S. military try to operate.

'First with the truth'

Soon after the war started, the U.S. Agency for International Development sent 30,000 radios to Afghanistan, but U.S. AID workers in Kabul say that effort has ended. Voice of America is distributing 20,000 more radios.

Gen. David Petraeus, commander of U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan, issued guidelines in August that urge his forces to "fight the information war aggressively."

"Be first with the truth," the guidelines read. "Beat the insurgents and malignant actors to the headlines."

But supplies aren't always in place when they're needed, which is why Watson turned to Spirit of America.

"We are at the end of a long and challenging logistics pipeline out here, and we don't get everything we want just as fast as we'd like it," Watson wrote. "SOA [Spirit of America] helps immensely to supplement the number of hand-crank, solar-powered radios we get through military channels in order to allow us to supply to the local population so they can listen to our radio stations. Their support is a huge help."

Some radios are both hand-crank and solar.

Stettler said he's been seeking ways to support U.S. forces in Iraq and Afghanistan since 9/11. He said he worries that Americans are

losing interest in the conflict in Afghanistan.

"There seems to be a big drop-off in support domestically," he said. "A lot of what needs to be done over there are things American citizens can do, not by going there, but just by supporting people who are going over there do these things."

Source: <http://bit.ly/c1HqFH>
(via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD; and Arnaldo Slaen, dxldyg)

** AFGHANISTAN. Well, it's been a couple of weeks since I had time for the hobby, but finally getting some spare time again. I completely missed the RMRC broadcast by drifting off to sleep.

If there are any fiber optic technicians out there who might be interested in working on Kandahar Airfield, please drop me a note and a CV/resume. I need 2-3 technicians and a project manager for converting our WiMAX network to fiber, utilizing the existing NATO pit and duct systems. Hope everyone is well! 73 (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, Oct 10, WinRadio G303e, 200m Longwire/Randomwire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AFGHANISTAN [non]. RUSSIA, 11755, R. Sedaye Zindagi via Russia, Oct 05 *1459-1510, 33333-32332, Dari: 1459 sign on with IS, ID, Opening announce, talk.

11755, R. Sedaye Zindagi via Russia, Oct 06, *1459-1529*, 35333-45333, Dari, 1459 sign on with IS, ID, Opening announce, Talk and Afghanistan music (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, Japan Premium Oct 9 via DXLD)

FEBA program; see 10-40, reported at 1600-1630 on 11835, in addition to, or instead of the 1500 on 11755? (gh, DXLD)

** ALASKA [and non]. Nice pile up on 850 kHz this morning --- KOA Denver was loud and clear S9+10 early this morning. As the greyline passed Denver, KOA dropped out and the big XEZF from Mexicali, Mex came booming in. Then as the greyline moved further into California, KHHO from Tacoma, WA was present by only about S7-8. A few minutes later KICY from Nome, Alaska dominated with a solid S9+10. KICY is 2,533 miles from me.

Four co-channel stations on 850 kHz, in 3 states plus Mexico logged within 30-40 minutes. My QTH is about 30 miles east of San Francisco (37.932408N, 121.933844W) elevation about 500 feet (Neil Bell, KJ6FBA, Oct 10, Mwdx yg via DXLD) But what were all the times, exactly? (gh)

** ALASKA. 7355, 1250, 10/10/2010. KNLS, Anchor Point. Poor signal. Featured instrumental music in form of religious hymn (Jerry Strawman,

Des Moines, IA. Equipment: Perseus SDR, Wellbrook 330S, 1 meter loop, Oct 10, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALBANIA. Dear Mrs. «iÁo, I'm a fan of international radio stations and especially interval tunes. Being sort of crazy, my phone rings with the melody of Radio Sweden, each time I get an SMS, Radio Bulgaria reminds me of reading it, my e-Mail account has the Deutsche Welle melody.

Now I think the Radio Tirana Interval tune would be very nice for my doorbell instead of that nasty ding-dong everybody has. I found this recording on the internet:

<http://www.radio-pagina.nl/mp3/tirana.mp3>

But it is in a bad quality. You do know whom I might ask for a better copy of this wonderful music (e.g. MP3)? Thank you and best regards from Belgium, (Marius Kaiser, Oct 7, via Drita «iÁo, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dear Drita and Marius, Let me send you a signal interval of Radio Tirana, it sounds on my cell each time that someone call me. I hope you like it. Regards, (George (from a cloudy Bilbao), Spain, ibid.)

Dear George, Many thanks for the Mp3, glad to hear I'm not the only geek using interval signals in daily life ;) Is this melody derived from a song or specially made for Radio Tirana? (Marius, ibid.)

Hi Marius, I'm not sure, I believe that I have made this question to Drita some time ago, although I do not remember what was the reply. I am happy that you like the recording, I have recorded it few years ago. Regards! (George, ibid.)

Dear George in Bilbao - Spain, Thank you so much for sending Radio Tirana interval signal, as attached. As for your question about RT interval origin, I asked the old people still working in Radio Tirana. They were not sure, but said that interval identification of Radio Tirana was composed and played by the famous orchestra of Radio Tirana at the time of our great composer Ferdinand Deda, who passed away several years ago. All the best from lovely dynamic Tirana, (Drita «iÁo, RTSH-Head of Radio Tirana Monitoring since 1981, & HF Manager from 2005, RADIO TIRANA, Oct 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Perhaps there was some info about it in old WRTFs when they included musical notation of IS; those with them handy, please check (gh)

I had this tune on my double CD set from Deutsche Welle ñ Shortwave Radio interval tunes. But unfortunately I lost Vol. 1. It is nice to hear this delicate little tune again. Another one I liked was the

interval tune from Radio Yugoslavia ñ does anyone know how I can get it now? (Sue Hickey, Newfoundland, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANGOLA. 7216.76, R·dio Nacional, 2044, usual open carrier causing hets on both sides. Big S9+50dB signal but absolutely no audio. 28 September (David Sharp, NSW Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF-SW7600GR, Timewave 599zx, MW-550P, etc., dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANTARCTICA [and non]. 15476, could not confirm LRA36 on the air this Friday, Oct 8 at 1304 no carrier and no het against 15480 with fair signal from Woofferton, i.e. Poland in Russian.

15476, unable to confirm LRA36 on the air Monday Oct 11 at 1343, nor UK on 15480 with very poor conditions, nothing much hi-latitude, tho Canada, Cuba and CR were OK on the band.

15476, LRA36, unlike yesterday, detectable with carrier Oct 12 at 1326, slightly stronger than UK 15480 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn: During a morning check, I was tuned to 15476 at 1324 and heard some chatter between announcers joking with each other in laughter. Switched to usb mode due to noise level at my QTH. At around 1328 barely heard something like flute melody of some sort. Lucky I was awake at this time. I usually awaken at 1400, so I'm glad I finally logged LRA36 despite bandnoise. 73's to all, (Noble West, Clinton TN, Brainman Media(BMI), RX: Sangean ATS818ACS, ATX: RadioShack Pocket Reelout, 23 feet mounted on pole and standoff, Oct 12, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15476, LRA36 carrier detectable at 1253 Oct 13, but no UK on 15480 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANTARCTICA. ANIVERSARIO DE LA LRA36 RADIO NACIONAL "ARC·NGEL SAN GABRIEL" Que emite desde la Base Esperanza en la Ant·rtida Argentina (20-OCT-1979)

El pr·ximo martes 20 de octubre se cumplen 31 a·os de la inauguraci·n de LRA-36 Radio Nacional "Arc·ngel San Gabriel" de la Base Esperanza de la Ant·rtida Argentina, filial de LRA Radio Nacional.

La misma est· a cargo de miembros del personal militar de la base, dedic·ndose los mismos al control, mantenimiento y operaci·n t·cnica de la consola y equipos, y siendo sus locutoras, esposas de distintos integrantes de la dotaci·n.

Esta emisora desde su fundaci·n fu·E creando gran inter·s, no solo

dentro de la Base Esperanza, sino que trascendió para ser escuchada en todo nuestro país, resto de America del Sur y Central, Europa, Asia y toda Norteamérica. Mas información al respecto, haga clic a continuación: <http://www.marambio.aq/radioarcangelsangabriel.html> (via Bill Westenhaver, QC, WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DXLD)

Linked page has brief history of station, outdated schedule as 15-18 local time, while it's really 09-12 LT! Anyhow, Wednesday Oct 20 should be a good day to listen out for LRA36. However, 31 is not only an odd number, it is a prime number, and hardly of any significance as anniversaries go (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. Reception from Lithuania, q.v., was so poor that I kept bandscanning during the 2230 sesquihour Oct 9, periodically checking 6130. On 15345.0, R. Nacional seemed right on frequency for a change, Oct 9 at 2248 with silly ballgame, as obvious from keywords ``pelota'' and ``partido'' but they never really said ``partido tonto de pelota'' (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ASCENSION. Re 10-40: Has it already been noted that the Ascension site has four new RIZ transmitters now? To me this was news.

Concerning the old equipment: If the information compiled years ago at <http://www.tdp.info/g.html> can be trusted four transmitters were delivered directly to Ascension in 1966/1967 and only two further ones moved in from Daventry in 1988, after the closure of that facility (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Oct 9, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) See U K

** AUSTRALIA. 2368.47, R Symban, Marrickville, 1628-1730, Sep 24, nonstop Greek music, fair signal (Thomas Lindenthal, Mertendorf, Germany, DSWCI DX Window Oct 6 via WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DXLD)

2368.5, Radio Symban 1100 to 1115 carrier only, frustrating. 8 October (Robert Wilkner, 746Pro modified ~ 535D Gilfer modified, Pompano Beach, Florida, US, Oct 12, WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. VL8 check Oct 11 at 1156: 2310 best with Strine talk, weaker 2325 and carrier detectable on 2485, vs hi line noise level here; plus T-storm noise from NE Texas bothering the lower bands.

Altho designed for players of lightning-prone silly ballgames, this is a handy NAm map to check for such current noise sources:
http://www.weather.com/maps/activity/golf/uslightningstrikes_large.html?from=mapofweek

1248 recheck, 2310 and 2325 are about level in talk, not 2485. At 1249, 2325 interrupted by ``running-water'' ute QRM. Don't think I

have heard this on 120m before; and now some audio on 2485.

RA was unusually weak on 9580, worse on 9590. On the contrary, David Hodgson in TN found both 2310 and 9580 stronger than usual, at 1200 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

2310, VL8A, Alice Springs, 1200 Oct 10, Unusually strong this morning. ABC World News, then coverage of The Commonwealth Games. Also noted very good path around 10 Mhz. R Australia on 9580 was 20 over s9 and good 30 meter cw signal heard from Ham station VK3EW (David Hodgson, TN, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

QSL: Northern Territory Shortwave Service, Katherine, 5025, f/d letter and assorted stickers and cards in 37 days for English airmail report and US \$5 in return postage. The letter commends "your good use of English!"

Well, I have to say I had a helluva good laugh at the letter from the Northern Territory Shortwave Service commanding my good use of English. All my reports state that I am an American expatriate based in Kabul. Still there may be something to it, as all of my British colleagues claim my English is execrable! ;-) Best 73, (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire/Randomwire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN - RADIO AUSTRALIA DARWIN

Radio Australia Darwin; that modern state-of-the-art international shortwave broadcasting station as it once was, is gone, gone forever! It is no longer on the air, it has been dismantled, and the property has reverted to its original inhabitants, the Belyuen Aborigines.

The very modern city of Darwin in northern Australia, with its almost quarter million inhabitants, is vibrant and progressive, but it has not always been that way. It is known that the area was long under the aegis of the Larrakia Aborigines, and in fact there was active trade 600 years ago between the islands of Indonesia and the Aboriginal communities in what is now the Northern Territory.

The first recorded sighting of the Northern Territory of Australia by a European was made by the Dutch captain, Willem Janzoon aboard the good ship Duyfken in the year 1606. During the 1800s, the British made four unsuccessful attempts to establish permanent settlements along the northern coastal areas of Australia, but the land was considered to be too inhospitable, and the distances to other settlements on the continent of Australia were just too great.

In the year 1825, this northern area of Australia was annexed to the

colony of New South Wales; nearly 40 years later, the administration of the territory was transferred to the colony of South Australia; the area was subsequently subdivided, at least temporarily, into two segments, Northern Australia & Central Australia; and finally the re-united territory was officially granted statehood in 1978.

In the year 1839, the famous ship HMS Beagle sailed into the local harbor during its second expedition, though the noted Charles Darwin was not aboard on this occasion. Thirty years later, a settlement was established, mainly for the purpose of maintaining the junction between the international underwater cable from England and the Overland Telegraph line from Adelaide in the south. At the time, the harbor was known as Darwin Harbor, but the settlement was known as Palmerston. The town name was changed to Darwin in 1911.

In the early part of the year 1942, Darwin was largely destroyed in double bombing raids on the same day, and ultimately, a total of 64 bombing raids were made on the town. The coastal maritime station VID was destroyed in the first raid and the radio service was quickly transferred to the airport radio station on the edge of town.

Darwin was rebuilt after the war, and it was largely destroyed again by Cyclone Tracy on Christmas Day 1974, and it has again arisen for the third occasion, this time as a beautified modern city.

Likewise, the Radio Australia shortwave station underwent three different and separate eras. Work commenced on this station in 1966 at a location on Cox Peninsula, seven miles across the harbor, or 100 miles around the unmade road. Three Collins transmitters rated at 250 kW were installed and these were activated progressively beginning in December 1968, though full usage was not implemented until nearly three years later.

Initially, programming was taken off air on shortwave from Lyndhurst and Shepparton and also from Brisbane, though three program lines became available three years later when the microwave link to Darwin was completed from Mt Isa in western Queensland. The three program lines from the studios in Melbourne were designated as VLK VLL & VLM.

However, the station was rendered inoperable as a result of the Christmas cyclone in 1974, and that was the end of its first era of operation, after just three years of full time on air duty.

During this interim period, a new, and supposedly temporary, shortwave station was installed into a vacant American NASA building on the edge of Carnarvon in Western Australia. In the meantime, consideration was given as to whether the Darwin station should be renovated, or re-erected further inland.

Almost ten years after the station was damaged in the cyclone event, the Radio Australia transmitter facility was re-activated at its original location with a regular schedule, using two transmitters on air and a third in hot standby. That was in September 1984.

Ten years later again, two new Thomson transmitters were installed; and soon afterwards, the 300 kW Thomson at Carnarvon, VLK, was taken to Darwin, where it was installed as VLU, but never taken into active service for Radio Australia. Instead, the station was again closed, on June 30, 1997, this time due to budget restrictions. That was the end of its second era of active service, lasting a dozen or so years.

Two years later again, a lengthy series of short test broadcasts began from Darwin with the use of several different transmitters and aerial systems. These tests were performed to keep the station alive in anticipation of possible coming events.

During this interim period, several other international broadcasting services, such as the BBC London, Deutsche Welle Germany, and the Voice of America in Washington DC, and others as well, made overtures to the Australian government requesting the usage of the Darwin station as a relay facility. However, none of these requests were granted, and instead, the station was sold to Christian Voice, who re-activated the station around the turn of the current century.

During the ten year period under Christian Voice, two Continental transmitters formerly in use with Adventist World Radio as KSDA3 & KSDA4 on the island of Guam were installed at Darwin and taken into regular service. The 300 kW Thomson from Carnarvon was also activated by Christian Voice. During this third era of on air performance, the Darwin station again carried some of the Radio Australia programming for coverage into Asia.

However, just before mid-year this year, the station was again closed, quite unceremoniously, and this time dismantled. Some equipment went to Shepparton for subsequent installation at Radio Australia, and some went to the new HCJB station at Kununurra, just across the state line near the northern coast in Western Australia. The building and the property at Cox Peninsula has already been given back to the Aboriginal Belyuen Community who inhabit the area.

There was also a receiver station located ten miles distant from the transmitter station and that was closed back in 1974 when the microwave broadband link was extended to Darwin, thus providing the program feed from the Melbourne studios.

QSL cards? Radio Australia has been a prolific verifier of their

shortwave programming and multi-thousands of cards have been issued from their offices in Melbourne. Likewise, Christian Voice issued many QSL cards and email QSLs during their ten year period of ownership.

That magnificent shortwave station at the Top End in Australia has been silenced for ever, and even now it is no more than a nostalgic memory for millions of listeners throughout the world (Adrian Peterson, IN, AWR Wavescan script for Oct 3 via DXLD)

If the Northern Territory was granted statehood in 1978, why is it still called the N.T.? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Not. See:

Northern Territory Government

Since 1968, the Territory has had one member with full voting rights in the Australian House of Representatives and, since 1975, two senators have represented the Territory in the upper house. The Territory has had self-government since 1978 with a Legislative Assembly containing 25 members elected by popular franchise.

For more information on the Northern Territory Government, visit the Northern Territory Entry Point. . .

<http://www.about-australia.com/facts/northern-territory/government/>
(Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. 15400, unlike yesterday, HCJB propagating well Saturday Oct 9 at 1325 with some downunderite reading boring loggings, so checked their other frequency, 15340: nice south Asian vocal music, and still no het from Morocco [q.v.], neither audibly from ex-15341, nor subaudibly from presumed 15340, whence it is presumably not propagating instead. Back to 15400 at 1330 just as DX Partyline ends on time, no ID, immediately into Chinese (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRIA. Re 10-40, OEY21, Schulungssender des Oesterreichischen Bundesheeres, the Austrian Army Radio which was headquartered in Vienna. At 1000 watts on 6255 kHz ---

Yes indeed, I remember it also. Nice long QSL card with an abstract antenna logo. No power quoted on it, but 1 kW fits the memory (from WRTH?) also. My QSL was for a midweek broadcast after 1500 in October 1972.

The only new information I can add is that the card had 2 call signs printed on it along with the one frequency of 6255. The second call was OEY52. Perhaps OEY21 was their Clark Kent call. If that's right, I don't know what the conditions were for them to change to being Superman (aumas-UK, DXplorer Oct 4 via BC-DX Oct 10 via DXLD)

6255, 5035, 3378. "Schulungssender des Oesterreichischen Bundesheeres" - Austrian Army Broadcast Training Station - was situated in a Vienna barracks with the call OEY21 (OEY being the Army call area). There was an outlet in Salzburg, OEY21, allocated but not active. It would have been activated in case of a national catastrophe or crisis that necessitated the evacuation of the government to an exclude nearby. Vienna studio, transmitter and aerial were located originally downtown later in the 12th district, not exactly in the outskirts.

Main purpose of the station was to train recruits of the telegraph corps to operate a broadcast service, particularly in case of emergencies when regular broadcast transisssions were interrupted. the national radio was occupied by enemy forces etc. But how can you run a station without a programme, without contents - which was not the main purpose of OEY21. They filled airtime with music, a morse code training, and occasional announcements (which misled Don to think they were destined to keep in touch with their peacekeeping troupes in Cyprus etc. In fact there was a separate service for that purpose, "Heimatfunk" - Calling Home.

The main problem of the station was that it had to transmit outband. To somehow find a solution, they stated regularly: "this programme is destined for army internal purposes only and not for public broadcasting".

On the other hand it was important that every Austrian should learn about the existence of OEY21, in order to tune to the station in case of emergency. This conflict could not be solved, and consequently the station was closed down. For some time they operated into an artificial antenna. A broadcast studio was built in the inner caves of Salzburg mountain, the government retreat center. It is permanently manned but so far was never used. Enjoy the QSL scans.

73 (Wolf OE1WHC, Harranth, Austria, DXplorer Oct 6
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<office @ dokufunk.org> <<http://dokufunk.org>> Oct 6, BC-DX via DXLD)

** BANGLADESH [and non] Last Monday (11.10.2010) nice MW propagation was observed in between 1530-1630 UT. [including]

1413 kHz - 1556 - AIR Kota - Urdu prog - Bangladesh Betar Comilla in background. First time logged Bangladesh Betar, Comilla in MW.
1053 kHz - 1619 - Bangladesh Betar, Rangpur - Bengali song
873 kHz - 1629 - Bangladesh Betar, Chittagong - Discussion in Bengali
846 kHz - 1632 - Bangladesh Betar, Rajshahi - Introduction of a

cricketer. Receiver - ICOM IC R75, Antenna - 15 mtr. longwire (Swapan Chakroborty, Kolkata, INDIA, Oct 13, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BANGLADESH. 4750, Bangladesh Betar, Sep 30 1415-1435 33433 Bengali, Talk and music, ID at 1429. Also Oct 07 1427-1454, 43443 Bengali, Talk and news, ID at 1429, etc (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, Japan Premium Oct 9 via DXLD)

4750, Bangladesh Betar, 1445-1500*, Oct 9. RRI still off; assume in Bengali; 1451 subcontinent music; poor, mixing with CNR1 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BARBADOS [and non]. ComeÁa a temporada de escutas pela TEP em S,,o Carlos --- Desde 2005 venho observando a recepÁ,o de FMs Caribenhas (notadamente de Barbados) aqui em S,,o Carlos, SP e este ano de 2010 n,,o È diferente. Em 08 de Outubro pude ouvir as emissoras de Barbados entre 0210 e 0235 UT, atravÈs da propagaÁ,o transesquatorial. Ouvidas as emissoras: 90.7 BBS, 92.1 BBC WS, 92.9 Voice of Barbados, 94.7 FM CBC, 100.7 Quality FM, 101.1 Slam FM.

Receptor Degen DE1103, antena telescÙpica. ;udio de um "mix" destas primeiras recepÁ,es desta temporada em:
<http://www.ipernity.com/blog/76129/home>
(Samuel C.ssio Martins, S,,o Carlos SP, 10 Oct, radioescutas via DXLD)

Ol. Samuel e demais amigos! No dia 08 eu perdi, mas esta noite fiz minhas primeiras escutas das emissoras caribenhas em fm atravÈs da TEP. O melhor sinal foi da Voice of Barbados 92.9 mhz. Publiquei a gravaÁ,o de um pequeno trecho em meu blog <http://pu2pkb.blogspot.com> 73's (Alexandre, S,,o Carlos-SP, Oct 13, ibid.) Yes, with usual fuzzy unquiet TE background, multipath? (gh, DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 4409.77, Radio Eco, Reyes with music and om en espanol, 2333, fair to good but stronger than Radio Santa Ana. 9 October

4451.13, Radio Santa Ana, Santa Ana de Yacuma noted 2330 on 9 October with weak signal

4700, Radio San Miguel, Riberalta strong signal 0940, good CP opening 10 October.

4795.87, Radio Lipez [sic], Uyuni 2330 on 8 October

5952.39, Pio XII, Siglo Veinte yl en espanol, very narrow filter as cochannel stations. 10 October (Robert Wilkner, 746Pro modified ~ 535D Gilfer modified, Pompano Beach, Florida, US, Oct 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 6134.81, R. Santa Cruz, 0912, talk by a man, with Andean flute music bridges, then ads or similar by a woman. All alone on frequency. 6 October. (David Sharp, NSW Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF-SW7600GR, Timewave 599zx, MW-550P, etc., dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BONAIRE. AMATEUR RADIO ON THE AIR FROM RADIO NETHERLANDS BONAIRE

Beginning today, a special event amateur radio station is on the air from a unique location on the island of Bonaire in the Caribbean. The amateur radio station is on the air under a PJ4 callsign; the location is the huge shortwave station operated by Radio Netherlands on the west coast of the island of Bonaire; and the special occasion is the new political status for Bonaire and all of the other Dutch islands in the Caribbean. Our story today focuses on Radio Netherlands Bonaire.

The island of Bonaire is just 24 miles long and 5 miles wide. It is located in the Caribbean just 50 miles off the coast of South America. The island occupies an area of 111 square miles and it is ringed completely by a coral reef. In fact, the small capital city on Bonaire is named in the Dutch language, Kralendijk, which can be translated into English as Coral Reef.

A thousand years ago, Bonaire was settled by Caquetios Indians, a sub-tribe of the Arawaks in Venezuela. In 1499, Spanish explorers discovered the island and named it Bonaire, meaning Good Air. More than a hundred years later, the island was captured by the Dutch, and another two hundred years later again, it was captured twice by the British. However, the island was returned to the Dutch by treaty in the year 1814.

During World War 2, the island of Bonaire was taken over as a precautionary measure by the Americans and the British, and administered as a joint protectorate. The official languages these days are Papiamento, Dutch & English, though Spanish is also widely spoken.

We take up the radio story on Bonaire, and the first of the two shortwave stations was installed by Trans World Radio. Construction work on the mighty TWR international broadcasting facility began on the west coast in the south part of the island in September 1963, and plans were laid for the installation of a 500 kW mediumwave transmitter and two additional shortwave units, one at 250 kW and the other at 50 kW.

One year later, test broadcasts began from the mediumwave Continental unit on 800 kHz and the 250 kW shortwave unit on 5955 kHz under the callsign PJB. During the following year, on February 25, 1965 to be

exact, the station was officially opened by Crown Princess Beatrix of the Netherlands during her state visit to the island.

However, it is not so well remembered these days, that the original broadcasts on the part of Radio Netherlands on Bonaire was actually a relay over this new TWR station, on both mediumwave and shortwave, and this relay service began way back at the time when the station first went on the air in 1964. And in fact, for a period of 8 years after Radio Netherlands opened their own station, RN was still on the air on mediumwave from this Trans World Radio facility.

Now for the story of Radio Netherlands itself on Bonaire. Originally they planned on a total of five shortwave transmitters, Dutch made Philips units at 300 kW each, though ultimately only three were installed and active on air simultaneously. The Radio Netherlands station is also located on the west coast of Bonaire, though in the northern section of the island.

Test broadcasts began in March 1969 and the station was officially opened by the Minister for Public Works early in that month, on March 6. Two months later, regular programming began. Two transmitters were installed initially, with something like a score of antennas on 17 towers, ranging in height from 82 ft to 330 ft. A total of 6 power generators were also installed, though only three were in use at any one time. Twenty years later, a third shortwave transmitter was installed, a 250 kW Swiss made ABB unit. Initially it was in use as a standby unit, though later it was taken into full time usage.

In August 1996 an unusual storm in the Caribbean stirred up the sea sand and this caused a problem in the cooling systems. Then, in April 2000, a generator exploded and caused a fire that destroyed several other generators. They were off the air for a little over a week, and during this time, additional relays for Radio Netherlands were taken out over other major shortwave stations, including the BBC Ascension Island, the Deutsche Welle/BBC station on the island of Antigua, and the American private station WSHB in South Carolina.

A major renovation project was inaugurated four years ago. A new office building was constructed at the site and two new shortwave transmitters were installed. These days, they are on the air with a total of 13 antennas, mostly curtains, each with its associated reflector.

Originally, a separate receiver station was installed at a location on the edge of Kralendijk, some 7 miles from the transmitter site. The programming feed was sent from a communication transmitter in Holland and it was received on large rhombic antennas at the receiver station on Bonaire. However, when satellite capability became available, the

receiver station was closed and satellite dishes were installed at the transmitter station.

Radio Netherlands has always been a reliable verifier of listener reception reports, and cards can be obtained from both Bonaire as well as from the Radio Netherlands office in Hilversum Holland. The Indianapolis Heritage Collection holds many QSL cards for the Radio Netherlands shortwave broadcasts from Bonaire, including one when the programming was on relay over the other station installed earlier for Trans World Radio.

Today, Sunday October 10, begins a new political day for the island of Bonaire. No longer is Bonaire administered as a unit within the Netherlands Antilles in the Caribbean. Instead, Bonaire is now its own separate unit within the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

To honor the occasion, a total of 6 special event amateur stations are on the air at widely spread locations throughout the island under different PJ4 callsigns. The main amateur station is located at the Radio Netherlands transmitter facility, and it is on the air with the usage of the huge curtain antennas, thus ensuring a powerful signal over a wide area.

These special event amateur radio stations are scheduled to be in use from October 10 to October 24. In addition, Radio Netherlands is planning to broadcast a series of special programs to honor this auspicious occasion.

[chronology, from Adrian's accompanying research sources, most attributed to ``R&H'', whatever that be] [this and text above appears to answer my recollection that RNW did not use TWR on SW ñ gh]

Trans World Radio

Original concept on Curacao, changed to West coast, southern part of island

1963 Sep	Construction began
1964 May	Station expected on air soon
1964 Aug	Test broadcasts noted PJB 5955, 265 kW & 800 with 525 kW
1964 Aug	MW station completed, used by TWR & RN, SW & MW
1964 Oct 1	Station inaugurated
1964 Nov	In use by TWR & RN
1965 Jan	Test broadcasts continue
1965 Feb 25	Station officially opened by Crown Princess Beatrix
1965 Spring	first SW transmitter taken into service, 250 kW
1965 Jun	On air with RN programming to USA
1965	50 kW SW installed; 6 corner reflectors & 2 curtains
1965 Oct	Tests with 50 kW transmitter

1969 RN continued usage of TWR MW Continental 500 kW 800 kHz
1977 Dec 31 RN ended usage of TWR MW
(Adrian Peterson, IN, AWR Wavescan script for Oct 10 via DXLD)

** BONAIRE [and non]. Now its own radio country as far as ARRL is concerned, but what would NASWA say? Hardly matters, since the only SWBC stations in the ex- ``Netherlands Antilles`` have always been on Bonaire. (Or was there something from Curacao before my time?)

6250, leapfrog mixing product over 6165 Dutch, Oct 12 at 0526-0527* Japanese song toward end of NHK Spanish service from 6080, quite readable on spur. Neither Equatorial Guinea nor Western Sahara [non] on this early (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

For an explanation in Spanish of the rather complex new political situation concerning Bonaire and the other islands, see NETHERLANDS ANTILLES [non]. Altho Bonaire is now a 'municipality' of the Netherlands and part of the EU, strange as that may seem, in terms of radio countries it is totally separate, just as Guadeloupe, Martinique, etc., are not FRANCE in the radio-country since, simply due to geographical separation (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

From a practical standpoint, the disappearance of Netherlands Antilles, replaced by new independent entities, status and names, does not affect the NASWA member. To clarify things, re the NASWA Country List, Bonaire (actually Netherlands Antilles-Bonaire) and Curacao (actually Netherlands Antilles-Curacao) long have been on our list as radio countries. And yes, post-1945, Curacao did once have an SWBC outlet, Curom.

It may have predated GH although it still operated during my years of DXing (although I never heard it). I leave it to our eminent DX historian, "Professor" Berg to fill in details as to when Curom vanished from the air.

Now Netherlands Antilles no longer exists, so clearly the wording in the NASWA list will have to change to reflect that fact. Curacao and Sint Maarten/St. Martin now are autonomous real world countries within the Dutch Kingdom, and Bonaire and the lesser West Indian islands became, technically, overseas parts of the Netherlands.

I anticipate that the NASWA Country List committee will convene in the new year and tweak changes in spellings or conditions in the entire list. Unfortunately, unless something unexpected occurs between now and then, I am not seeing any new radio countries on our horizon as a result of that review.

Meanwhile, even though temporarily, the names of the ex-Netherlands

Antilles entries will be technically incorrect, I don't think anyone will be too confused by the likes of Netherlands Antilles-Bonaire. We will become "politically correct" again with these entries early in 2011 (Don Jensen, Country List Committee chair, Oct 12, NASWA yg via DXLD)

Okay, Don, I'll take the bait. It looks like Curom left the air c. 1952. Some Curom programs were heard on SW in the early 1970s, but these were via utility transmitters on out-of-SWBC-band frequencies, apparently using Curom as an audio source.

Some Curom programs were heard in the 31 mb in 1960 as well, and I don't believe the source of those transmissions was ever established. (Jerry Berg, MA, *ibid.*)

So, indeed CUROM activity continued perhaps 5 years after I began as a listener, although I failed to hear it. I do vaguely recall knowing about CUROM MW programming on oob utes circa 1970s, but don't know if anyone established, or tried to establish "intent." If it then was simply used as a "place holder," convenient audio for ute transmitter tests or to hold a channel open for use when no traffic was being sent, then it would clearly be considered a ute.

If, somehow, it was CUROM that rented transmitter time with the intent to determine if there were listeners to their programming out beyond their MW range, then it could have been considered SWBC in the '70s. But at this late date we will never know, and likely there aren't NASWA members who have logs of that 70's thing anyway (Don Jensen, *ibid.*)

** BRAZIL. 4885, R. Clube do Par. jammed by IRAN: q.v.

** BRAZIL. 5055, Brasil, R. Difusora, C.ceres. October 06, 0900-0918 male in Portuguese ID announcements i..60 metros..i, religious talks iIgreja..pedir a Deus a sabedoriai, religious music; fading, 25322. October 08, 0859-0908 sign on at 0900 with male ID announcements iR. Difusora de C.ceres para o Brasili, iabre espaÁo para seu programa A hora milagrosa..a Igreja ApostÚlica apresenta o programa A hora milagrosa! male explaining miracles happened with followers of this religious entity Igreja ApostÚlica ia m,,e, a Sra., explicou ao filhinho que confiasse no poder da fÈ..ent,,o o garoto recebeu um milagre atestado pelo mÈdico..pois voltou a enxergar!; 35333 (L'cio 0t.vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - Dipole 18m, 32m; Longwire 22m, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 4914.966, R. Dif. Macap., 0835, Portuguese, rambling male DJ with light reverb EFX, local references, poor. 29 September (David Sharp, NSW Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF-SW7600GR,

Timewave 599zx, MW-550P, etc., dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. INFORMAÇÕES SOBRE A INCONFIDÊNCIA DE BH

Em contato com o engenheiro eletrônico da Inconfidência Sr. Marcus Starling, fui informado de que o transmissor de 25 kW (ou 25.000 watts) que deveria estar no ar, passa por manutenção. Sua recuperação é lenta porque utiliza peças importadas e, além disso, de alto custo. Atualmente as ondas curtas de 6010 kHz opera com 5 kW (ou 5.000 watts). Na minha opinião o áudio é bom e, por estas bandas, chega bem.

Quanto ao transmissor de 19 metros QRG 15190 kHz, também vai entrar no ar brevemente com potência fixa de 5 kW (5.000 watts). [They have been promising this for months/years. If it ever happens, will collide with other stations such as Equatorial Guinea, WYFR! --- gh]

Quanto ao Sr. Marcus Starling, engenheiro-técnico da Inconfidência, segundo Danilo Nonato de Ouro Preto, tem um currículo bem qualificado. Ele trabalhou na BBC de Londres, Voice of America e teve curta passagem na rádio Nederland. ... por aí.

Quanto às interferências que o TX da Band SP em 6090 kHz causa na faixa de 49 m, o Danilo Nonato, nosso colega radioescuta de Ouro Preto MG, conhece o técnico da Band SP e vai entrar em contato com ele.

Estas são informações pelas quais alguns radioescutas desta lista esperavam. ... o que h.. 73 (Luiz Chaine Neto, Limeira SP, Oct 7, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 9665.2, Voz Missionária-Florianópolis, 0444, 10/4/10. Poor with man preaching in Portuguese; several religious songs at 0450 and back to talk; no ID at 0500; non-stop talk past 0510 (Jim Ronda, Tulsa, OK, NRD-545, R-75 + PAR-SWL and FlexMLB, NASWA Flashsheet Oct 10 via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 12174, SRDA is still putting out horrible loud extremely distorted spur, Oct 9 at 2246, also much weaker 11356. Checking the fundamental 11765, seemed to be a YL gospel huxter alternating with David Miranda, and much lower modulation level (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BULGARIA. 15700, Oct 9 at 1333, R. Bulgaria with folk music on accordion, lo-fi announcement; 1350 now it's accordion with piano in Saturday traditional music show (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. Re 10-40: In this issue, discussion of KPWX Oregon interference to CKWX 1130 is under USA, muchly concerning FCC (gh)

** CANADA. Another Format Change --- My local CIWW-1310 is about to dump oldies for an all-news format, effective October 18. It will use the moniker "1310 News" and join the stable of Rogers all-news outlets that includes 660 in Calgary, 680 in Toronto, and 1130 in Vancouver.

This is sorta good news for me, as CIWW is a fire-breathing monster that irradiates my humble abode with a field strength well in excess of 100 mV/m. With the format change, there will at least be some reduction in splatter on the adjacent channels (Barry McLarnon, VE3JF, Ottawa, ON, Oct 13, IRCA via DXLD)

** CANADA. CJUL-1220 Cornwall ON RIP ---- As requested by the owners, the licence of the now silent CJUL-1220 Cornwall ON is been formally revoked by the CRTC:

<<http://www.crtc.gc.ca/eng/archive/2010/2010-751.htm>>

So both stations on 1220 in Southern Ontario are now gone for good. Anyone in Cleveland celebrating I wonder :)

Revocation of licence

1. Corus Radio Company has requested the revocation of its licence for the AM radio programming undertaking CJUL Cornwall.
2. Given the licensee's request, the Commission revokes, pursuant to sections 9(1)(e) and 24(1) of the Broadcasting Act, the broadcasting licence issued to Corus Radio Company for the above-mentioned undertaking. 73, (via Deane McIntyre VE6BPO, Oct 12, WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 6070, Oct 9 at 0601, CFRX newscast by YL with improved modulation, and I was ready to give them an R5, but a few minutes later it declined to R4 and continued to plummet (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 9625, Oct 9 at 0553, tone test as happens so frequently, long after CBCNQ 0506 sign-off; why? Vs splatter from REE/CR 9630 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 6159.98, CKZU (presumed site), 0804, English, fair with CBC News. Best in LSB to escape weak het on high side. 6 October (David Sharp, NSW Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF-SW7600GR, Timewave 599zx, MW-550P, etc., dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC. 7220, R. Centrafrique, 1820, French, presumed per Jones tip. Mostly threshold with two men in discussion and hilife music bridges. If indeed this, certainly not running 100 kW as it's MUCH WEAKER than Nouakchott (4845) and Brazzaville (6115), both audible at this hour. Nothing on 5035, and this frequency has

been silent for many weeks (if not longer).

This frequency (7220) is also very sporadic. Flea-power signal makes me wonder if the 5035 transmitter has been modified to work on the higher frequency? 28 September (David Sharp, NSW Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF-SW7600GR, Timewave 599zx, MW-550P, etc., dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHAD. 6165, RNT, Oct 9 at 2254, hilife music with French comments interspersed, considerably better signal than Lithuania; 2301, ``Ici Ndjamena, La Station(?) Nationale'', brief NA by military band until 2302:30, carrier stayed on a while. I assume this is back to normal schedule following Ramadan, -2300 Sats, unlike -2230 otherdays. RN Venezuela did not reappear as it had once recently on this unscheduled frequency (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHILE [non]. We are just as pleased as anyone that the miners are getting out thru the hole, but enough is enough! Can't believe how some networks have blown away most or all of their usual news programming to cover this wall-to-wall, so to speak.

The BBC World News of 2000 UT Aug 13, delayed a sesquihour on OETA OKLA, was NOTHING but this. Is there no news occurring anywhere else in the world? MSNBC also went into it full-bore the night before as the rescues started, to the detriment of its important domestic political coverage. If some problem with the rescues develop, by all means break in and tell us about it, but try not to lose your sense of what really constitutes World News (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

INTERNATIONAL CHANNELS OFFER LIVE COVERAGE OF THE CHILEAN MINE RESCUE.
Posted: 13 Oct 2010

New York Times, Media Decoder, 12 Oct 2010, Brian Stelter: "Univision has two television crews on the scene, as well as the hugely popular television host Don Francisco, a native of Chile. Interviewed by the BBC, Mr. Francisco said the miners were a 'symbol of life.' He also acknowledged that the men had become worldwide celebrities, and that 'they're going to have problems.'

For the BBC, the anchor Matt Frei is at the mine, co-anchoring 'BBC World News America.' The BBC reportedly has 25 journalists on the scene. All told, there are more than 1,400 journalists there. The rescues are expected to continue through Wednesday, and at some point the television networks may cease the wall-to-wall coverage. CNN International, which is seen around the world, 'will carry every single rescue,' a spokeswoman said."

followthemedia.com, 14 [sic] Oct 2010, Philip M. Stone: "The BBC has been criticized at home for sending some 25 people to the Chile mine disaster and throwing money at its coverage but, no matter where you are in the world, if you really wanted to be 'there' then there was just one channel to watch – BBC World. And it really put CNN's so-called continuing coverage to shame!" (kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

** CHINA. Letzterer stoert diverse US Tibetisch und BBC Mandarin Programme um diese chines. Morgenzeit um 2240 UT.

CNR Jamming: auf 5865, 7105, 7205, 7230, 7240, 7325 (2 tx echo, CNR regulaer + Jamming gegen BBC Mandarin), 7405 (2 tx echo), 7505, 9455, 9510, 9580 gegen BBC Mandarin via Korea, 9845, 9880 - eine spezielle sehr verbrummte Jammingeinheit, 9890, 11635, 11980 kHz (Wolfgang Bischel, Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Sept 30 via DXLD)

Re: 21410 kHz InterModulation of China R International, mix 21550 and 21690 kHz.

DJ9KR reported: Dear fellow Intruder Hunters, Today I have again heard at 0619 UT and I am still hearing the IM3 of ChinaRI on 21410 kHz. It is an IM product of 21550 and 21690 kHz. You find the same program on all 3 QRGs. In addition there is a Firedrake jammer on 21690 kHz.

The purpose of the transmission on 21550 and 21690 kHz is to jam western transmitters. Direction is 80 degrees from Southern Germany. Please listen yourself. Maybe you can hear the IM on 21410 kHz to report to your national telecoms. authorities. Please listen also to the attached file. Tnx.

Right at the end, there may have been something to identify the content, but it was covered up by some noise that I am sure once Uli makes up a cable for his new radio, he will not have to make recordings by what sounds like acoustic coupling any more. ;^)

I can find no recent cluster spots of this intermod & no mention on the R1 MS logger, so maybe few know to even look for it.

Perhaps to protect us from somebody's incessant & unwanted propaganda, my country is being thorough & now also targets potential intermods (0300-0600 UT both 21550 & 21690 kHz are VoA from notoriously filthy Tinang in DU [PHILIPPINES, not Down Under]; 0600-0700 UT on 21690 kHz they continue from A6-land - both intended for reception here).

We here would be most grateful to help, should where this jamming signal is coming from be narrowed down a bit more, and try to get word through to them of a whole bunch of actual VoA intermods we also need to be protected from.

Happy China National Day to you all! 73, (ex-VR2BG/p, Brett from Hongkong, intruderalert Oct 1, via B,schel, DXLD)

CHN Dongfang 3 (Gancheng), Hainan Island - jamming site, 11 curtains, at 18 54 18.73 N 108 39 37.81 E

<<http://maps.google.de/maps?>

f=q&source=s_q&hl=de&geocode=&q=18%C2%B054%2718.73%22N+ +108%C2%B039%2737.81%22E&sll=51.151786,10.415039&sspn=19.253434,57.084961&ie=UTF8&ll=18.905231,108.660536&spn=0.007075,0.013937&t=h&z=17>

CHN Qiqihar SW jamming site, at 47 21 25.99 N 124 14 54.78 E

<<http://maps.google.de/maps?>

f=q&source=s_q&hl=de&geocode=&q=47%C2%B021%2725.99%22N+124%C2%B014%2754.78%22E&sll=51.151786,10.415039&sspn=19.253434,57.084961&ie=UTF8&ll=47.357228,124.248548&spn=0.010132,0.027874&t=h&z=16>

CHN Xingyang 7 masts, 6 SW ant, probably jamming site, at

34 51 08.16 N 113 25 42.77 E

<<http://maps.google.de/maps?>

f=q&source=s_q&hl=de&geocode=&q=34%C2%B051%2708.16%22N+ +113%C2%B025%2742.77%22E&sll=51.151786,10.415039&sspn=19.253434,57.084961&ie=UTF8&ll=34.852164,113.427991&spn=0.006137,0.013937&t=h&z=17>

not confirmed, but supposedly, partly in addition to broadcasting

CHN Kashgar/Kashi 39 21 22.83 N 75 45 49.01 E

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f=q&source=s_q&l=de&geocode=&q=+39%C2%B021%2722.83%22N+ +75%C2%B045%2749.01%22E&sll=51.151786,10.415039&sspn=19.253434,57.084961&ie=UTF8&l=39.356334,75.763607&spn=0.023128,0.055747&t=h&z=15>

vy 73 de (Wolfgang df5sx, intruderalert Oct 3 via DXLD)

Subject: Hainan Jamming station. Dear OM, Probably I think that it is No. 871 station: Ganchengzhen, Dongfang Autonomous prefecture, Hainan

18 54'18.25"N, 108 39'37.88"E

18 53'21.98"N, 108 39'24.90"E

18 52'20.14"N, 108 40'49"E

There is No. 2023 station in Hainan, too. This station is not found.

No. 2023: Lingao-xian, Hainan (S. Hasegawa, Oct 9, via B,schel, DXLD)

Lingao-xian, downtown 19 54'28.08"N 109 41'09.57"E

maybe a AM mediumwave station on Hainan Isl.

http://webcache.googleusercontent.com/search?q=cache:6xj4TWcUzVoJ:de.getamap.net/karten/china/hainan/_lingao_xian/+Lingao-xian,+Hainan&cd=1&hl=de&ct=clnk&gl=de&client=firefox-a

<http://maps.google.de/maps?>f=q&source=s_q&hl=de&geocode=&q=19%C2%B054%2728.08%22N+

+109%C2%B041%2709.57%22E&sll=51.151786,10.415039&sspn=18.310259,57.084961&ie=UTF8&ll=19.90747,109.68617&spn=0.026753,0.055747&t=h&z=15

jamming site on Hainan Isl probably at Donfang#3
18 54'18.73"N 108 39'37.81"E
73 Wolfy (all via Wolfgang B.schel, DXLD)

** CHINA. 7470, Oct 8 at 1250, poor signal sure sounds like Firedrake music, mixing with something else, but could not make it // 10500, the only definite FD frequency. Per Aoki, the victim on 7470 is R. Free Asia in Tibetan via Mongolia. Could have been Firedrake2, not synch, or just what CNR1 was playing at the moment.

Quick Firedrake scan before 1300 UT Oct 8:
10500, fair at 1256
No others found up to 17 MHz
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non]. Firedrake, Oct 8.
10500, FD against SOH; 1255-1300* + 1318; fair
11775, FD against AIR, in Tibetan (per Aoki); 1255-1303 + 1318;
no break at ToH; AIR scheduled for 1315*, but FD still on
9000, continues to be clear of FD, so I was able to hear SOH
(presumed) (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via
DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake Oct 9: none found 8-16 MHz before 1300.

Firedrake Oct 10: nothing found 8-14 MHz by 1258. See also
UNIDENTIFIED 10500 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 11605, with combination of Firedrake and echo CNR1 programming jamming against RFA (via Tinian Island); 1358-1400*, Oct 10. As I have noted before, when China seriously wants to prevent a story from being heard, they use this combination of both jammers, just to be positive no one gets the message. The RFA programming, in Tibetan, that they wanted blocked would certainly have covered the story of the Prime Minister of the Tibetan government in exile commenting about the significance of Liu Xiaobo's Nobel Peace Prize; the award is an encouragement for the Tibetans in Tibet. At 1400 clear ID in English for RFA and continued on in Vietnamese, with no jamming. China definitely did not want the folks in Tibet to hear this story
(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

Odd VOA frequencies being jammed --- As I may have mentioned before, I'm a regular listener to the VOA in the morning while having my coffee. But since Liu Xiaobo was named as a 2010 Nobel Peace Prize

winner some odd things have been happening to the regular frequencies used by VOA in this region.

0100 to 0200 UT English, 7430, 9780 and 11705:
11705 I heard VOA, but with CNR 1 on top of it.

Yesterday evening from 1200 to 1600 UT the clearest frequency of 7575 was fine But 9760 had lots of interference from CNR

I send the frequencies to someone on Shanghai to check out as I was listening and he only heard CNR.

At the moment Liu Xiaobo in China is even more sensitive than the Dalai Lama. In Beijing and Shanghai cable companies sent a message to their subscribers that due to a satellite problem CNN International, BBC World, FOX News, and Star TV will not be available for 2 weeks. Amazing that it just happened as Liu was named a Nobel winner (Keith Perron, Taiwan, Oct 12, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I am not sure about the others, but 9760 VOA English has had CRI English (rather than CNR) interference for a long time, worst here at 12-13. Perhaps they added some more? (Glenn, *ibid.*)

Here in Taipei I always found 9760 the best. Yes it's true CRI Eng was on that freq, but here the CRI program was so faint it could almost be not made out. But in the last few days the CRI program now also has traces of CNR (Keith Perron, Oct 12, *ibid.*)

One can only say that the Chinese government are paranoid, and very afraid of allowing the people they govern to hear what we in the west take for granted. Those in power were apparently "upset" that the Nobel Peace Prize was given to Liu Xiaobo, but are they accusing the USA of being responsible? Or do they just want to lash out and jam everything American? God help the Norwegians!

Conversely, I was very surprised to be able to hear and clearly ID the BBC Mandarin service today (the 12th) on 15285 at around 1500 UT. Usually this frequency is just a jumble of Chinese voices when the Beeb is on there, but today they were hardly creating a background rumble. And Singapore is only a little 100 kW transmitter. So we British are in the clear - we aren't responsible for the Nobel Peace Prize then! Keep us posted, Keith (Noel R. Green (NW England), *ibid.*)

I know that here in Taiwan when I pick up frequencies that are being jammed, I notice more a problem when I'm not in Taipei. 15285 as an example I notice the jamming more when I was in Europe than here (Keith Perron, *ibid.*)

** CHINA [and non]. Firedrake Oct 11:

10500, JBA at 1219

No others heard in following bihour; hi-latitude E Asian conditions were degraded, tho Indonesia 9526- continued to inboom.

Firedrake Oct 12: none found 18-8 MHz between 1245 and 1253. E Asian conditions were very poor.

Firedrake Oct 13: none found 8-19 MHz at 1248-1255 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Above logs involve JAMMING in one way or another; now a few which do not: (gh)

** CHINA [and non]. 5075, Oct 11 at 1252 some talk audible, very poor, presumably V. of Pujiang, Shanghai, which per Ron Howard has just reactivated this winter frequency ex-9705, // 4950 and 3280 and the only broadcast station in the world on 5075. I have often noted at least a carrier on 3280. Aoki says they are all only 15 kW aimed 182 degrees from Shanghai.

Also had carriers on 5050, 5030, 5010, probably China/India, Malaysia, India; unchecked below 5000 at the moment, but hi noise level discourages (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 6010.00, 2255-2310 08.10, CNR Tibetan Sce., Xi'an. Tibetan ann, pop music, 2300 news 25332 // 4905 and 7360. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire here in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD) See also TIBET! CNR8 on 9420: see GREECE

** COLOMBIA. 5910.01, Marfil Estéreo, 0842, Spanish, excellent, with traditional ballads and scant talk by a male DJ. Had this on for nearly an hour, just for "background music." 29 September (David Sharp, NSW Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF-SW7600GR, Timewave 599zx, MW-550P, etc., dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COLOMBIA. 6035, Oct 9 at 2319, could make out some Spanish commercial-hype-sounding talk vs the 6030 ACI from the DentroCuban Jamming Command, and R. Martí, so presumably LV del Guaviare, not doing as well as DR on the other side. No major broadcasters are scheduled here in Spanish (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CONGO, Rep. 6115, R Congo, Brazzaville, 1758, Sep 30, mixture of Western and local pop, ID as iRadio Congo in French, then into iJournalí with news items, good (Graham Bell, Cape Town, South Africa, DSWCI DX Window Oct 6 via WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DXLD)

** CONGO DR [non]. 11690, 0405-0415, SOUTH AFRICA, 02.10, R Okapi, Kinshasa, via Meyerton. Lingala news with reports all ending with "Radio Okapi", 0410 ID-jingle in French, comment in Lingala with drums in background about "Doctors without Borders". 55555, Best 73, (Anker Petersen, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire here in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

Via Meyerton, South Africa, 11690, Radio Okapi, 0435-0459*, Oct 8, vernacular talk. ID jingles. Some Afro-pop music. Poor to fair in noisy conditions (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** COSTA RICA. 5954.17, ELCOR - Radio Republica, 0335-0403*, Oct 9, Spanish talk. Local music. ID at sign off. Poor to fair with weak jammer (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

Costa Rica, 5954.19, Radio Casino, Presumed, 2355-0015, Noted a male and possibly a female in Spanish language comments. Believe there's music also on the frequency, but everything is mixed up with interference, so can't be sure. After the hour things clear up slightly and the signal improves in gain, but very muffled. Good level at 0015 (Chuck Bolland, October 12, 2010, Clewiston FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Sigh, Chuck, you have forgotten about all the reports of ELCOR, Costa Rica, carrying Radio Republica on 5954.18v. Radio Casino has been gone for years from this frequency (gh, DXLD)

Dear Radio Casino! Right now I am listening weak Latin American station on 5954.16 kHz on short waves. Do you really broadcast there now? Thanks. (Mikhail from Saint-Petersburg in Russia, Timofeyev, HCDX via DXLD)

On August 9 I got the following e-mail answer from Radio Casino De Limon <radiocasino@gmail.com> :

No, we now only transmit in 98.3 FM
(via Timofeyev, ibid.)

** COSTA RICA. RADIO FOR PEACE INTERNATIONAL 10 MINUTE VIDEO
Uploaded to Vimeo by Jonathan Marks:

If you tuned a shortwave radio a decade ago, one of the more exotic catches in Europe was Radio For Peace International. So when I had a chance to go out to a meeting at the University of [sic] Peace in Costa Rica, I persuaded the colleagues travelling with me that it was worth a short detour out to the studios and transmitter site.

A year after this video was taken, the station was forcibly evicted from the campus. They continued for a few years as a podcast station before shutting down in 2008. The tribute website is at <http://rfpi.org>
Video at: <http://vimeo.com/14321328>

Interviews James Latham who talks particularly about the Far Right Radio Review. You only have to join if you want to download the video. Just press the play button and it will stream (Mike Barracough, Oct 11, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CROATIA [and non]. Croatia Today NOT --- 3985, CROATIA, Voice of Croatia, Oct 8 at 0155 // 7375 (via Wertachtal) with non-stop program of Croatian pop and rock music with no break at 0200 for the 15 minute "Croatia Today" news program in English (Mark Coady, Peterborough, ON K9J 6X3, ODXA yg via DXLD)

6155 Moosbrunn-AUT and Deanovec-CRO walk arm in arm this morning: AUSTRIA/CROATIA, 6155.00, Somebody on the Zagreb Deanovec staff 'slept' this morning, slipped on the keypad. Croatian Radio 5-8 UT broadcast 10 kHz down on ORF 1 Moosbrunn Austria frequency. A terrible sound mixture here in Germany. At 0615 UT ORF Moosbrunn ended their transmission now (Wolfgang B, schel, Germany, Oct 10, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I missed hearing Deanovec on 6155 today, but I hope they do it again sometime!!!! 73 from (Noel Green, NW England, Oct 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3985.09, Croatian Radio from Zagreb Deanovec slight odd again. S=8 - 9+10dB at 0420 UT Oct 13, morning mass, Gregorian like singer. 73 wb (Wolfgang B, schel, Oct 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. Radio Reloj, 861 kHz, 0500 UT --- Almost armchair copy at times, male and female speakers, I just heard an ID, Radio Reloj, the code, the ticking clock and many mentions of Cuba, Since when does Radio Reloj broadcast on 861? This was zero beated on the R-390A so it's accurate (Bob Young, Analog, MA, R-390A, 700' + 900' unterminated beverages, Misek Phaser, 0504 UT Oct 8, NRC-AM via WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DXLD)

I also noted carrier and Reloj audio on 861, which is not a TA channel, throughout all of last night. Interestingly, I checked the night before and noted Reloj on 860 with no carrier on 861 (Chris Black, Cape Cod, Oct 8, *ibid.*)

I checked with a former very active member of the NRC, Milspec390 who lives in Fla [Paul Vincent Zecchino] and keeps up on Cuba and is an

active member of the DXFlorida group, he said it's new as of last night, wasn't sure if it's a transmitter malfunction or a new station. The audio was excellent last night so if that's any indication it's probably new (Bob Young, *ibid.*)

I just got home at 3 am ET [0700 UT] and it is again on the air tonight on 861; milspec390 (Paul) said it seems to be coming from the direction of Colón, Matanzas which is where Radio Reloj comes from [i.e. listed 860]. It is coming in loud and clear here again with some interference from 860 (Bob Young KB1OKL, Analog MA (next to Worcester), Hammarlund Super Pro-600, 900' + 700' beverages, unterminated, Misek Phaser, Oct 9, *ibid.*)

** CUBA [and non]. RHC anomalies Oct 8: shortly after 0600, 6060 back on the air compared to last night, but in Spanish instead of English. Spanish also on 6120; English on 5970, 6010, 6150.

11760, back on the air and VG with RHC English, Oct 9 at 0551, jazz piano music // 5970, 6060 and JBM 6150, but no 6010. Next check 0603, 6010 had replaced 11760. But unlike a previous night, 9525 in Spanish was not extended.

As I started to tune down the 21m band, Oct 9 at 1339, no signal on 13880, so figured one of the RHC channels would be off, unable to produce this leapfrog. Yes: 13780 VG as usual, but nothing on 13680.

Despertar con Cuba was airing a report from Puerto Rico on a baseball championship, slanted to how the Cuban team was doing; 1342 Agenda 21 environmental report about a weather radar in Pinar del Río established in 1972; urging us to go green. By this time I was actually listening on 12030.

17705, Oct 9 at 2250, RHC French, lo-fi and distorted but this time not putting out buzzes and spurs way above and below the frequency. Yet this is still anomalous: supposed to be in Guaraní at 2230-2300 per own schedule.

RHC anomalies Oct 10: at 0510, English very poor on 6060 under REE 6055 splash, undermodulated on 5970. Nothing on 6010, nor on 11760 where English has been appearing some nights until 0600. Then at 0511, carrier cutting on and off 6010, also English modulation on and off, covering and uncovering Colombia/Mexico. At 0512, another English channel 6150, is unmodulated. Spanish on 6120 but unusually poor signal; VG on 5040.

Just about everything that could be SNAFU'd at RHC has been at one time or another, but this may be a new twist: Oct 10 at 1314 during mailbag, 13780 is missing but 13680 is on --- with huge subaudible

heterodyne of about 280/minute = 4 and two-thirds Hz. This means that RHC is running TWO powerful transmitters on 13680; if there is modulation on both of them, and I think there is, that at least is synchronized, but there is some audio fading as if the audio partly cancels itself out periodically.

The super-SAH makes a kind of pulsing which can be heard extending down to 13620 without modulation, with a weaker peak around 13530. Putting both transmitters on one frequency also eliminates the leapfrog on 13880, but I doubt if this was the intent. Still the same at 1333.

Next check at 1410, they have finally taken one of the transmitters off 13680, and now there is an open carrier on 13750, the usual Sunday situation, standing by for Alâ, Presidente, if any. Also a carrier on 17750 over VOA Kurdish via Wertachtal, but that carrier soon goes off. At 1447 and 1510, 13750 still on with open carrier.

But at 1549, 13750 and several frequencies are now running // RHC programming, not RNV, about Cuban music: 17750, 15380-with CCI, 13750, 12010, 11760, 11730. Nothing now on 12030, 15360; and 13680 has something in Chinese.

RHC anomaly check Oct 13 at 0611: English on 6150-undermodulated, 6060, 6010 and 5970; Spanish on 6120 and 5040 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CURACAO. Previous SW activity of Curom: see BONAIRE [and non]. See also LANGUAGE LESSONS

** DJIBOUTI. 4780, Radio Djibouti, *0300-0340, Oct 8, sign on with National Anthem. Opening Arabic announcements at 0301 and local tribal music. Qur'an at 0302. Arabic talk at 0314. Local music at 0336. Fair signal (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. 6024.985, R. Amanecer, 0857 carrier, then snippets of Spanish talk by a man. Very difficult copy with 0900 sign-on of Radio Australia (6020). Never recall hearing this before. Stronger transmitter? Didn't sound like 1 kW. Will be a good DX target if they stay on all-night again. 6 October (David Sharp, NSW Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF-SW7600GR, Timewave 599zx, MW-550P, etc., dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See 10-40; had been 24h for a few nights

6025, as soon as I tuned in Oct 9 at 2255, they said ``Amigos oyentes de Radio Amanecer Internacional'', so I could immediately tune on, escaping the religionist exhortations to follow; fair over CCI (Bolivia? Or Iran's 13-hour overnight Arabic service), and

considerable ACI from the Dentro-FueraCuban radio war on 6030. Another check at 6025: CCI worse, making low rumble tnx to RAI being off-channel (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR. Re 10-40: 4919, Radio Quito, 0325-0352 Oct 2. Reactivated and thanks to tip from Sheryl Paszkiewicz noted with lively program of Latin vocals hosted by a man announcer with Spanish talk and numerous IDs (iRadio Quito, La Voz de la Capitali). Fair to good signal (Rich D'Angelo, Wyomissing PA 19610, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B, Eton E1, Eton E5, Alpha Delta DX Sloper, RF Systems Mini-Windom, Datong FL3, JPS ANC-4, NASWA Flashsheet Oct 10 via DXLD) Now deactivated

** ECUADOR. Re 10-40: Saludos Glenn, espero que te encuentres bien. Ahora que veo publicado lo de HCJB, apreciÙ que cometÌ un lapsus calami en relaciÙn con la hora. En realidad fue desde las 2100 UT que comencÈ a escuchar y efectivamente REE entrÛ en escena a las 2300 en los 6055 kHz. La selectividad del ICOM IC-7000 en AM no es muy buena y a veces no se tiene muy precisa la frecuencia cuando la transmisiÙn es muy fuerte, al menos que se use la banda lateral. Ofrezco disculpas por este leve lapsus calami que modifica, en cierta forma, la naturaleza de mi informe. 73s y buen DX, (Ad·n Gonz·lez, Catia La Mar, Estado Vargas, VENEZUELA, Oct 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. Re my previous remark about DST ending here Oct. 1 as heard on 9305 past 0600 UT: it was not quite that simple. See:

EGYPTIANS TO CHANGE CLOCKS FOUR TIMES THIS YEAR Published 21-Jul-2010

Daylight saving [sic] time (DST) will end in Egypt on Wednesday August 11, 2010. Egypt's Cabinet recently decided that the country's DST schedule for 2010 will end before the start of Ramadan. However, DST will resume in Egypt after the month of Ramadan on Friday, September 10, 2010. Egypt will be back from DST on Friday, October 1.

<http://www.timeanddate.com/news/time/egypt-ends-dst-2010.html>

I suppose this pattern is likely to repeat in following years, as Ramadan precesses further and deeper into summer; and other Islamic-dominated DST countries may have to follow suit (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. 5005, Rdif. de G. E., Bata, 2030, Spanish, good with hilife, then several seconds of dead air before the next song (sounded like a CD tracking). No sign of Malabo on 6350. 24 September (David Sharp, NSW Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF-SW7600GR, Timewave 599zx, MW-550P, etc., dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6250, R Nacional de Guinea Equatorial, Malabo, 0548-0607, Sep 24 and

29, Spanish report iluta pela polícia.. praticando atos de barbarismo.. j· se encuentra sob custôdia de la polícia, ibuenos dias.. para que pase una manhã agrad·bile.. se encuentre en Malabo.. Panorama Nacionali, 33333 (Hauser and Ot·vio, DSWCI DX Window Oct 6 via DXLD) None of that quotation is by me; I would render it in Castilian, rather than Portunhol, but this publication merges reports from more than one source; more than one language? (gh, DXLD)

** ERITREA. 7172, Voice of the Broad Masses, Selai Dairo, 1826-1854, 08 Oct'10, Arabic, talks, some music; 45423, but bad audio, noisy at times; it was still on at 2051. I had observed this, say, 3 days earlier as I think it was, but noise and amateur QRM unabled any identification. 73, (Carlos GonÁlves, PORTUGAL, dxld yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7175, Voice of the Broad Masses 2 (presumed), 1417, Oct 9. Back to their normal frequency after two days on 7171.90 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÙn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7175, 9 OCT, 1540 UT, Voice of the Broad Masses, in presumed Amharic (according to schedule) with area music and announcements by man. Station ID at 1558 and suddenly smashed by what appeared to be strong DRM signal as viewed on the spectral display, however, although it locked, there was no data. Fair signals with no QRM and some slight fading up to that point. 73 (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 200m Longwire/Randomwire, WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7171.90, Voice of the Broad Masses 2 (presumed), 1439, Oct 10. They only returned to their usual 7175 for one day (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÙn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. 5950, Voice of the TigrÈ Revolution, Geja jawe (or Geja Dera?), 1752-1803, 05 Oct'10, vernacular, HoA songs, talks, western pops; 45433, QRM de UNID at 1800, adjacent DRM QRM from 5955 at 1758, and that practically killed reception of ETH.

6030, R. Oromiya, Geja Jawe, 1612-1634, 05 Oct'10, Oromo (listed), songs, some talks; 34432, adjacent QRM. 73, (Carlos GonÁlves, PORTUGAL, dxld yg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. 7165, 9 OCT, 1605 UT, Radio Ethiopia (tentative.). Strong carrier but very weak modulation. I could just barely make out the English language by the male announcer. Taking turns with a female announcer and many mentions of Ethiopia. 73 (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 200m Longwire/Randomwire, DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. ETHIOPIAN OFFICIAL AWARDED A MINISTRY FOR "SUCCESSFUL JAMMING DUTIES"? Posted: 08 Oct 2010

EthioGuardian.com, 5 Oct 2010, Eskinder Nega: "Veteran of Ethiopia's KGB, Debre-Tsion Gebre-Mikael, who is also Jammer-In-Chief of the VOA and ESAT, the latter Ethiopia's first independent satellite TV, has been awarded a Ministry; perhaps in reference to his successful jamming duties, at the helm of a new Ministry where his jamming duty is expected to continue with renewed vigor." (kimandrewelliott.com via WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DXLD)

** EUROPE. -PIRATE. 6959.88, Atlantic Radio, 0110-0140, Oct 9, tentative. Threshold signal with pop music. Too weak to catch any further details. This station previously reported here by other dxers (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** FINLAND. 983, CRI, Pori relay, 2124-2142, 07 Oct'10, German, Chinese folk songs, language lesson Alltagschinesisch; 434432, QRM de PORTUGAL local. 73, (Carlos GonÁlves, PORTUGAL, dxld yg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FINLAND. 5980, Scandinavian Weekend R, Virrat (1 kW), 1500-1510, Sat Oct 02, English ann and English pop songs, 34333 QRM BBC English news on 5975.

6170, Scandinavian Weekend R, Virrat (1 kW), 0805-1340, Sat Oct 02, Finnish ann and wellknown British evergreens sung in Finnish, ID, Finnish pop music, 25222-25333 // 11720. Stronger at 1340, 34332, but QRM from RNZI (presumed).

11720, Scandinavian Weekend R, Virrat (1 kW), 0805-1220, Sat Oct 02, same programme as on // 6170, including Vera Lynn song "The White Cliffs of Dover" and ID, 35333-35444, except *1100-1200* QRM from Voice of Minorities, Beijing, in Uighur // 11630 and 12055. Strongest signal from SWR heard for a long time! (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Oct 6 via DXLD)

** GAMBIA [non]. Sabato 25 settembre 2010, *1815 - 15225 kHz, SAVE THE GAMBIA DEMOCRACY PROJECT, VOICE OF THE NATION - Nauen (Germania), Inglese, monologo YL. Segnale sufficiente-buono. Solo il sabato (Luca Botto Fiora, SITO RICEVENTE G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova), Italia, Oct 9, playdx yg via DXLD) --- This turned out to be the ultimate (or penultimate?) broadcast of STGDP; see 10-40 (gh, DXLD)

** GERMANY. Re 10-40: 5945 kHz, New UNIDentified on Oct. 10 only: 0800-0900 on 5945 WER 100 kW / non-dir to WeEUR Sun only

(R BULGARIA DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov, via wwdx BC-DX TopNews Oct 1)

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(Patrick Robic, Austria, A-DX Oct 10 via BC-DX via DXLD)

** GERMANY. 5980.00, Hamburger Lokalradio, via Kall-Krekel, Euskirchen (1 kW), 1040-1110, Sunday Oct 03, special programme in German, interview and songs celebrating the German reunification 20 years ago, ID, talk about an author, 35233 (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Oct 6 via DXLD)

Michael Kittner at Hamburger Lokalradio told me, they printed a small number of special QSLs, that will go out to everybody who sent in a correct reception report (Thomas Voelkner, Berlin, Germany, DSWCI DX Window Oct 6 via DXLD)

** GERMANY. Domenica 26 settembre 2010, *0900 - 6005 kHz, R. GLORIA INT. via R. 700, Kall Krekel (Germania), EE, mx rock e iDs OM. Segnale sufficiente-insufficiente. Prossima trasmissione 24 ottobre.

Sabato 2 ottobre 2010, 0900 - 6005 kHz, R. JOYSTICK via R. 700, Kall Krekel (Germania), Tedesco, jingles e tk OM. Segnale sufficiente-buono. Solo una-due volte al mese (Luca Botto Fiora, SITO RICEVENTE G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova), Italia, Oct 9, playdx yg via DXLD)

** GERMANY. UNIDENTIFIED. Today (Saturday the 9th) there was a station audible on 6085 at 0650 UT playing non-stop western/central African style music. Transmission went through the hour without any announcement, and unfortunately I had to leave at 0710 or so when it was still on air.

Signal strength was fairly good, up to about 6 on peaks, and the music was similar to what I've heard via RASD on previous occasions. But of course it might not be that station. 6297 was blocked by a digital noise transmission, and I did not try elsewhere to hear RASD (Noel R. Green (NW England), dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I had SASASAM back on usual 6297.1 at 0600+ Oct 9, so likely not whatever you had on 6085 (Glenn, *ibid.*)

Okay Glenn, Will check tomorrow for any possible repeat (Noel R. Green, NW England, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The answer: another German station has moved onto the frequency:

<http://www.dxaktuell.de/?p=1136>

Ismaning-Frequenz aus Krekel wiederbelebt --- 9. Oktober 2010

Antenne

Kurzwellensendeantenne in Kall-Krekel, Foto: Classic Broadcast

Nachdem erst am 1. Oktober 2010 der Bayrische Rundfunk mit seinem Kurzwellensender Ismaning die Frequenz 6085 kHz im 49-Meterband verlassen hat, scheint es die Sendestation Kall-Krekel zu sein, die dieser historischen Welle neues Leben einhaucht. Betreut wird diese Sendealage in der Eifel durch den H^orfunksender Radio 700 aus Euskirchen, der 2007 auf der ehemaligen Frequenz 6005 kHz des Deutschlandradios die europaweite, terrestrische Verbreitung seines Musikprogramms startete.

Wie zum aktuellen Zeitpunkt (0630 UTC-Weltzeit) auf genannter Frequenz zu beobachten ist, handelt es sich um eine Versuchsausstrahlung in herk^ommlicher, analoger Modulation mit Testt^onen und kurzen Musiksequenzen. Die Sendestation Krekel strahlt neben iRadio 700? auch unregelm^oig Programme von Free-Radio-Stationen wie Radio Joystick, MV Baltic Radio oder Radio Gloria International aus. Zudem ist das iHamburger Lokalradio^o auf der Kurzwelle 5980 kHz, ebenfalls ^ober die Sendealagen in Kall-Krekel, t^oglich zu h^oren.

Weitere Informationen zu einer zuk^onftigen, regelm^oigigen Nutzung der 6085 kHz sind noch nicht bekannt.

Weiterf^ohrende Links:

- Hamburger Lokalradio: <http://www.hamburger-lokalradio.de>
- Radio 700: <http://www.radio700.de> und <http://www.radio700.info>
- Sendeplan Kurzwellensender Kall-Krekel:
<http://www.dxaktuell.de/?p=768>

- Bayrischer Rundfunk verl%sst 6085 kHz:
<http://www.dxaktuell.de/?p=1118>
(via Kai Ludwig, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

All I can add to this is that the signal I heard on Saturday was stronger than I usually hear on 6005 and 5980. But a move to 6085 from either of those two frequencies may be beneficial if no other station frequency manager happens to notice that the channel is free of DRM - particularly in B-10.

6085 was empty - nothing audible today. So I wonder if the African music heard on Saturday was a test of some kind. It may be worth checking again on weekdays. 73 from (Noel Green, NW England, Oct 10, WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6085 is empty at present at 0600 UT (Wolfgang B,schel, Germany, Oct 10, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY [and non]. [continued from UK, re 10-40] Questions also arise in light of gossip about the Deutsche Welle shortwave transmissions (the ones beyond their own Portugal, Rwanda and Sri Lanka facilities) being due for a new bid for tenders in next year, with the invitation calling for a reduced amount of airtime with no services to Europe anymore; in particular the long-established 6075 frequency, at present still on air around the clock, is rumoured to be terminated (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Oct 9, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

My guess would be that DW's new distribution agreement would begin in January, 2012, since the last agreement began in January 2007 with the move to VTC from M&B. Big DW shortwave cutbacks have been expected for a couple of years now; suppose these might happen for the B11 season.

DW may also be keeping an eye on the BBC to see how deeply the World Service gets cut --- could mean reduced transmission rates for what's left of DW if a lot of transmitter time is freed up by BBCWS reductions (Steve Luce, Houston, TX, *ibid.*)

** GREECE. 05 Oct 2010 --- CHANGES IN FILIA PROGRAM DAILY PROGRAM SCHEDULE From 04-10-2010 [all times Greece = UT +3]

FILIA FM 106.7
AM 665 [sic]
Shortwave 11645 [only part of it]

07.00 Albanian Program
08.00 English Program w/BBC coverage in English (Satellite connection)
09.00 French Program w/RIF [sic] coverage in French (Satellite

connection)

10.00 Spanish Program

11.00 German Program / Deutsche Welle

11.30 Russian Program

12.00 WITH RHYTHM With Maria Koutsimbiri

13.00 'NEWS WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION^a Informative news program on issues concerning migrants with Sakis Houpis

14.00 DROMO PAIRNEI, DROMO AFINEI A crossroads and meeting point program hosted by Agni Sigma-troumbouli

Every Friday // The International Organization of Migration

15.00 Program in Arabic	ERA 5 Foreign language news dept.
15.30 Program in Serbo-Croatian	a a a a
16.00 Bulgarian Program	a a a
16.30 Polish Program	a a a a
17.00 Rumanian Program	a a a a
17.30 Program in Turkish	a a a a
18.00 CONNECTION WITH KOSMOS	
21.00 CONNECTION WITH SHORTWAVE STUDIO ñ (LIVE LINE)	
24.00 CONNECTION WITH COSMOS UNTIL 07.00	

SATURDAY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

08.00	ALBANIAN PROGRAM - Music and Special Feature
08.15	ENGLISH PROGRAM - Music and Special Feature
08.30	FRENCH PROGRAM - Music and Special Feature
08.45	SPANISH PROGRAM - Music and Special Feature
09.00	GERMAN PROGRAM - Music and Special Feature
09.15	RUSSIAN PROGRAM - Music and Special Feature
09.30	ARABIC PROGRAM
09.45	SERBO PROGRAM
10.00	BULGARIAN PROGRAM
10.15	POLISH PROGRAM
10.30	RUMANIAN PROGRAM
10.45	TURKISH PROGRAM
11.00	'BANGLADESH ^a
	Program by the Bangladesh community With Sounil and Sani Gos
12.00	'RADIO KAIBIGAN ^a Program by the Filipino communities.
13.00	COMMUNITIES FROM PAKISTAN AND INDIA
14.00	HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATION PRAXIS
Or	THE DOCTORS WITHOUT FRONTIERS
15.00	CONNECTION WITH COSMOS
22.00	CONNECTION WITH SHORTWAVE STUDIO ñ (LIVE LINE)
24.00	CONNECTION WITH COSMOS UNTIL 08.00

SUNDAY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

08.00	ALBANIAN PROGRAM	ñ Music and Special Feature
08.30	ENGLISH PROGRAM	ñ Music and Special Feature
09.00	FRENCH PROGRAM	ñ Music and Special Feature
09.30	SPANISH PROGRAM	ñ Music and Special Feature
10.00	GERMAN PROGRAM	ñ Music and Special Feature
10.30	RUSSIAN PROGRAM	ñ Music and Special Feature
11.00	WITH RHYTHM With Maria Koutsimbiri	
12.00	'TRANZIT ^a With Sveta Karaspiliou	
13.00	PROGRAM IN ARABIC	ñ Music and Special Feature
13.30	PROGRAM IN SERBO-CRATIAN	ñ Music and Special Feature
14.00	PROGRAM IN BULGARIAN	ñ Music and Special Feature
14.15	PROGRAM IN POLISH	ñ Music and Special Feature
14.30	PROGRAM IN RUMANIAN	ñ Music and Special Feature
14.45	PROGRAM IN TURKISH	ñ Music and Special Feature
15.00	CONNECTION WITH COSMOS UNTIL 07.00	

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(Filia website via John Babbis, MD, Oct 11, DXLD)

Same reworked format by John, but without some details above:

** GREECE. CHANGES TO RADIO FILIA (ATHENS 3) PROGRAM SCHEDULE

665 [sic] AM FM 106.7

Short-wave 11645 kHz. (0500-1000 UT) (Effective October 4, 2010

UT MON-FRI	UT SATURDAY	UT SUNDAY
0000 Connection	0000 Connection	0000 Connection
With Kosmos	With Kosmos	With Kosmos
0100 Connection	0100 Connection	0100 Connection
With Kosmos	With Kosmos	With Kosmos
0200 Connection	0200 Connection	0200 Connection
With Kosmos	With Kosmos	With Kosmos
0300 Connection	0300 Connection	0300 Connection
With Kosmos	With Kosmos	With Kosmos
0400 Albanian	0400 Connection	0400 Connection
0500 BBC-English	With Kosmos	With Kosmos
0600 RFI-French	0500 Albanian	0500 Albanian
0700 Spanish	0515 English	0530 English
0800 German	0530 French	0600 French
0830 Russian	0545 Spanish	0630 Spanish
0900 With Rhythm	0600 German	0700 German
1000 News Without	0615 Russian	0730 Russian
Discrimination	0630 Arabic	0800 With Rhythm
1100 Road Taken,	0645 Serbo-Croatian	0900 Tranzit
Road Left	0700 Bulgarian	1000 Arabic
(FRI.: International	0715 Polish	1030 Serbo-Croatian
Organization	0730 Rumanian	1100 Bulgarian
of Migration	0745 Turkish	1115 Polish
1200 Arabic	0800 Bangladesh	1130 Rumanian

1230 Serbo-Croatian	Community	1145 Turkish
1300 Bulgarian	0900 Radio Kaibigan	1200 Connection
1330 Polish	1000 Pakistan-Indian	With Kosmos
1400 Rumanian	Communities	1300 Connection
1430 Turkish	1100 Humanitarian Organization	With Kosmos
1500 Connection With Kosmos	Praxis or Doctors Without	1400 Connection With Kosmos
1600 Connection With Kosmos	Frontiers	1500 Connection With Kosmos
1700 Connection With Kosmos	1200 Connection	1600 Connection With Kosmos
1800 Connection With ERA 5 (Live Line)	With Kosmos	1700 Connection With Kosmos
1900 Connection With ERA 5 (Live Line)	1400 Connection	1800 Connection With Kosmos
2000 Connection With ERA 5 (Live Line)	With Kosmos	1900 Connection With Kosmos
2100 Connection With Kosmos	1600 Connection	2000 Connection With Kosmos
2200 Connection With Kosmos	With Kosmos	2100 Connection With Kosmos
2300 Connection With Kosmos	1700 Connection	2200 Connection With Kosmos
	With Kosmos	1900 Connection With Kosmos
	1800 Connection	2300 Connection With Kosmos
	With Kosmos	
	1900 Connection With ERA 5 (Live Line)	
	2000 Connection	
	With Kosmos	
	2100 Connection	
	With Kosmos	
	2200 Connection	
	With Kosmos	
	2300 Connection	
	With Kosmos	

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(Compiled by John Babbis, Silver Spring-MD-USA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[English times in WORLD OF RADIO 1534]

** GREECE. GREECE vs. ISRAEL--LIVE BROADCAST ON "THE VOICE OF GREECE"

The Greek National team is facing Israel in order to qualify for Euro 2012, On Tuesday, October 12, 2010, at 21.45 Greece Time (1845 UT), ERA 5-"Voice of Greece" in-line with ERA Sports, will broadcast the game live over short wave on 9420 and 15630 kHz. and on Internet Radio (ERA website? Via John Babbis, DXLD)

Good afternoon Mauno et al: For over a month, I have not gotten much of a signal from ERA 5, but a lot of noise, if there is anything on 15630, when I monitor it from 2000 until 2250 UT even though it is directed to Europe, The Atlantic, North America, The Panama Zone, and

South America at an azimuth of 285 degrees. The same thing is true of 15650 from 0000 until 0350 UT, but it is directed to Australia and The Middle East at an azimuth of 105 degrees and that is understandable. How is 15630 doing in Finland and the other parts of Europe? Perhaps a frequency change is needed. Regards, (John Babbis, MD, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I also noted 15630 absent for some time, but John continued to report at least 0=1 signals from it daily after 2000. No one followed up my earlier report about this amid my logs; do I have to send each one separately with own headline? (gh, DXLD)

Hello John, right now (1600 UT) I hear nothing on 15630 kHz, not even a carrier can be detected. Best regards, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, Oct 12, ibid.)

Nothing heard on 15630, nor 15650 at 1805 UT tonight here in CeEUR. Switched the Eton E1 to ssb reception mode, not even a tiny carrier heard on 19 mb. I guess the 3rd tx in Avlis is OFF at present totally.

At 1800 UT 9420 heard loud and clear as usual, S=9+30dB powerful, and Thessaloniki regional on 7450 kHz too similar strength. vy73 wb btw KAZ - GER football match 0:2 at present (Wolfgang B,schel, Germany, Oct 12, ibid.)

The third transmitter unit of VOG at Avlis if totally OFF at present. At 0355 UT noted 9420 kHz on air, fair S=5-6 signal increased steadily to S=9 at 0420 UT Oct 13.

V of Greece on 7475 kHz S=9+10dB signal at 0350 UT, scheduled 2300-0450 UT. From 0500-1000 UT I'll check 11645 kHz multi-lang R Filia channel.

3rd channel 7450 kHz scheduled 0400-0550 UT OFF air totally. Also scheduled 15630 0600-2250 UT, 15650 2300-0350 UT are out of service at present. 73 wb (Wolfgang B,schel, Oct 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

John, I made a check today (Wednesday) at 0945 UT and there is no trace of 15630. There is some weak station using 15650 but it's not Greek. 11645 is on air and sounds okay, but 9420 may be faulty - there is a loud "bubbling/rumbling" sound causing distortion. I thought it might be a utility transmission of some kind, but no, it stopped when the transmitter was switched off a minute or so after 1000 UT. So they could have problems at Avlis. Will check later. 73 (Noel Green, UK, Oct 12, ibid.)

Noel/John, 15650 kHz was DW via Trincomalee. I have mentioned this before, here in Northern Europe 9420 kHz is buried totally under China

minorities service, listen to the sample audio just recorded at 1100. 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, Oct 13, *ibid.*)

Hello Mauno and John, That's about the best I've ever heard from CNR-8!!! I can hear the station fairly well now and again, but that's a very nice recording. No, what I heard earlier this morning had no audio. If it wasn't a utility, that went off air when Avlis did, then ERT had a problem with the transmitter. But I've tried it again since and with no rumbling. Now at 1600 UT there is considerable co-channel interference from what sounds to be CNR-8 (I missed their sign on) though Avlis is clean and on top. Nothing on 15 MHz. Makedonias is loud and clear on 9935. 73 (Noel Green, *ibid.*)

** GREENLAND. 3815 USB, KNR, Tasiilaq, 2100-2110, Sep 18, 21 and 23, news in Danish, 34433, later a strong RTTY-tone. Not audible every day! (Erik Koie, Holte, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Oct 6 via DXLD)

** GUAM. Five years ago, a modernization project at the AWR shortwave station located near Agat on the island of Guam was completed. The four original transmitters at KSDA were removed and replaced with five almost new transmitters obtained from South Africa (Adrian Petersen, AWR Wavescan script for Oct 3, via DXLD) KSDA

** GUATEMALA? 4055, R. Verdad? I know 50 watts or thereabouts from Central America is a big reach, but someone is here. Noted several days after 1100, but not much more than a carrier. Today -- 29 September -- seemingly talk by Spanish man but barely above noise floor. Difficulty in reception is compounded by periodic communications on the high side, from the Royal Flying Doctor (identifying as "Broken Hill base"). Needs much more work but bears watching, especially if they increase power (David Sharp, NSW Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF-SW7600GR, Timewave 599zx, MW-550P, etc., dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4055.13, R Verdad, Chiquimula, So far not heard in Denmark (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Oct 6 via DXLD)

4055, Oct 8 at 0556 could not detect even a carrier, R. Verdad presumably off again, or off early.

4055-, TGAV, Oct 9 at 0555 carrier and JBA music (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4055.00, Radio Verdad, 0200-0235, Oct 9, now in AM mode. Very weak in noisy conditions with religious music. Spanish talk. Mentions of Guatemala (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

4055.0, Oct 10 at 0517 weak music with carrier matching REE 6055.0

instead of TGAV being slightly off (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4055.00, Radio Verdad, 0535-0604*, Oct 10, religious music. Talk. National Anthem at 0602. Poor. Very weak. Too weak to ID the language (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

4055.0, caught Oct 11 at 1151 before fadeout, JBA music, and matches 6055.0 Nikkei. Brian Alexander confirms my previous log as being on-frequency, 4055.00 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4055, Radio Verdad, 1120 to 1140, om and yl "...sin embargo ...en ...dios...", into music to 1140, improved signal strength. 12 October. Was silent on 10 October at 0230 to 0300. On 8 October noted 0140 and later 0315 with good synchro lock on 535D (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, Florida, US, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4055-, R. Verdad still audible with music Oct 12 at 1158-1202+, very slightly on lo side compared to Nikkei 6055 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4055, Radio Verdad, 1145-1215 on 12 October. Is this the new transmitter? No synchro AM lock on 12 October (Robert Wilkner, 746Pro modified ~ 535D Gilfer modified, Pompano Beach, Florida, US, Oct 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4055.00, Oct 13 at 1132, R. Verdad, very weak talk, music and carrier matches Nikkei 6055 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUINEA. 4899.94, Radio Familia, 2023, French, poor but readable, with talk by a man. 24 September (David Sharp, NSW Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF-SW7600GR, Timewave 599zx, MW-550P, etc., dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4900 tentative, Familia SW, 2330 om in French on 8 October (Robert Wilkner, 746Pro modified ~ 535D Gilfer modified, Pompano Beach, Florida, US, Oct 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUYANA. 3290, GBC 0235 yl in English over 80's pop music: 0930 Indian music at tune in change to slow easy listening pop rock, Johnny Mathis "A Certain Smile", Simon & Garfunkel "Homeward Bound" yl back as dj 0937 then signal breaks up in Florida. [Wilkner + Others Florida dxers] (Robert Wilkner, 746Pro modified ~ 535D Gilfer modified, Pompano Beach, Florida, US, Oct 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HAWAII. Changes for two medium wave stations. KIPA, Hilo, 1060 is dark. The owner also took a Hilo FM and Kona FM silent. He blames low ad revenue. He also owes money to many (see accompanying article-bw).

1500 in Honolulu is now KHKA ex KUMU-AM. Still 10 kW non-DA from a short stick near Honolulu International Airport. Now known on the air as "ESPN-1500." A sister station to ESPN Radio affiliate KKEA 1420. KHKA runs repeats of local stupid ball game talk (Oh boy. Hawaii vs. Fresno. Call in now), as well as stupid ball games fed by ESPN Radio and Westwood One. High School stupid ball games on Friday and Saturday evenings Hawaii local time (Brock Whaley, Honolulu, Oct 8, exclusively for WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

MYNAH BIRD, OTHERS OFF AIR
ECONOMY PULLS PLUG ON 3 RADIO STATIONS
Hawaii Tribune-Herald Local News
by John Burnett Tribune-Herald Staff Writer
Published: Wednesday, October 6, 2010 9:58 AM HST

Listeners tuning in Tuesday morning to KHBC-FM, Kona-FM and KIPA-AM hoping to hear longtime radio personality Mynah Bird instead got what radio people call "going dark" -- no signal at all.

Scott Parker, the stations' owner and general manager, says the radio group was forced to close "due to economic conditions." . . .
http://www.hawaiitribune-herald.com/articles/2010/10/06/local_news/local02.txt
(via Brock Whaley, DXLD)

1500, KHKA, HI, Honolulu, now ex KUMU, heard at 0250 EDT [0650 UT] 10/9 with School Football game, at 0252 the sports announcer "KHKA ESPN 1500", and then called is "KA-KA" ESPN 1500", sponsor First Hawaiian Bank, then a cluster of spots at 0258 with a slogan "ESPN 1500". Thanks to Bruce Portzer for the tip. Drake R8. SW EWE (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, IRCA via WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DXLD)

See also USA: KSJX 1500 San JosÈ CA burned down, opening 1500 (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DXLD)

** HONDURAS. 3250, Radio Luz y Vida, San Luis, 1000 and 0000 every day but generally poor signal, for the last fortnight. Noted 1010 on 11 October with music and om en espanol (Robert Wilkner, 746Pro modified ~ 535D Gilfer modified, Pompano Beach, Florida, US, Oct 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3250, while concentrating on WPJK 3160 [see USA], quick check for HRPC, and there it is, Oct 13 at 1140, OM preacher in English with consecutive translation by YL in Spanish, a staple of this station; some ute beeps on hi side. Gone a few minutes later (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ICELAND. 207 R/V, Eiðar, 2115-2130, 08 Oct'10, ballads & pops;

23441, QRM de MOROCCO, which was a bit difficult to null this evening, & GERMANY; \\ 189 Gufusk.lar was fair, little adjacent QRM. 73, (Carlos GonÁlves, PORTUGAL, dxld yg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. Oct 8, another day of live coverage of sporting events from the Commonwealth Games from 1344 to 1406; poor reception conditions:

5010, AIR Thiruvananthapuram; live coverage in //, except from 1355 to 1405 when they cut away for the news in Hindi; this news // with AIR Chennai on 4920.

5040, AIR Jeypore; live coverage in //, except from 1345 to 1401 when they cut away for news in Hindi and ads.

4965, AIR Shimla only had an open carrier; could not make out any audio (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÙn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. Oct 9, live coverage of sporting events from the Commonwealth Games from 1330 to 1437:

5010, AIR Thiruvananthapuram; live coverage of the Games in English (same announcer with British/Scottish accent) and in Hindi; gave scores and standings; coverage of India vs. South Africa game (hockey?); cut away for the news in Hindi and series of ads from 1355 to 1409, then back to the Games; coverage of Games // AIR Jeypore.

5040, AIR Jeypore; live coverage; except from the 1345 to 1355 news in Hindi; Games coverage // 5010; suddenly went off the air at 1423; did not return after several minutes, but found on the air with resumed coverage at 1437.

AIR stations clearly heard with NO coverage of the Games today were 4760 (Port Blair), 4775 (Imphal), 4837.19 (Gangtok), 4920 (Chennai), 4970 (Shillong; very late signing on; heard at 1350) and 9425 (Bengaluru - National Channel).

4990, AIR Itanagar, off the air today.

Oct 11, from 1345 to 1510; special live reporting from the Commonwealth Games; best reception so far; a good deal of commentary about Tintu Luka, the 21 year old Indian who was about to run in the women's 800m final; exciting coverage, but Luka did not win a medal; Kenya won gold medal; ringside commentary of the super heavyweight boxing match; all the regional stations randomly cut away for news, ads, etc.; Welcome back to this special broadcast of All India Radio, of the Commonwealth Games; various announcers in Hindi and English;

sports coverage only was // on:

4880, AIR Lucknow
4910, AIR Jaipur
4965, AIR Shimla
5010, AIR Thiruvananthapuram
5040, AIR Jeypore

October 12, from 1414 to 1427; live reporting from the Commonwealth Games; in the medal standings India is in second place (Well done!); heard //:

4965, AIR Shimla
5010, AIR Thiruvananthapuram
5040, AIR Jeypore (cut away for series of ads and PSA in Hindi at 1421; coverage resumed at 1426)

All three about equal strength; almost fair.

Hi Glenn, It has been a treat for me to hear the many sporting events broadcast live via some of the AIR regional stations. The Games will end tomorrow (Oct 14), with the closing ceremony taking place at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Delhi and scheduled to start at 1330 UT (1900 IST). Perhaps for listeners here in the States, AIR Bengaluru - National Channel on 9425 might be the best chance to hear all the festivities of the closing ceremony (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, Oct 13, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. Mahalaya --- Thanks to information from Alokesha Gupta, I had the pleasure to hear the early iMahalayaî special programme in Sanskrit at *2230-2320 on Oct 06 in Denmark on the following SW frequencies:

4837.22, AIR Gangtok, open carrier was on at 2220, AIR interval signal started at 2227, opening ann, *2230-2320 iMahalayaî programme with vocal singers and mixed choir. Sanskrit recitations by a male were heard with music in the background at 2244, 2247, 2300, 2310 and 2316. At 2300 the recitation was introduced by five blows in alp horn, SINPO 35333.

4880.00, AIR Lucknow, open carrier was on at 2220, AIR interval signal started at 2224, 2225 Vande Mataram hymn, ann and local Indian instrumental music, *2230-2320 same programme as 4837.22, SINPO 35333.

4895.00, AIR Kurseong, first noted 2235-2320 with same programme as 4837.22, SINPO 45434.

4910.00, AIR Jaipur, first noted 2240-2320 with same programme as 4837.22, SINPO 45434.

4940.00, AIR Guwahati, open carrier was on at 2220, from 2225 QRM from Voice of Taiwan Strait, but that quickly faded out. Guwahati had a strong carrier, but low audio, heard at *2230-2320, SINPO 44322.
Best 73, (Anker Petersen, Denmark, Oct 7, dx_india yg via DXLD)

GK's AIR Check On Mahalaya Broadcast via AIR October 6, 2010

[he puts kHz after every frequency and UTC after every time, total redundancy, once we are sure all the times are UT and not IST; so I have removed them in my neverending battle against clutter, but left in his etc., etc., as a personal peculiarity --- gh]

This time I logged many AIR outlets broadcasting Mahalaya on October 6th starting from 2235 right on 4880 via AIR-Lucknow & then on medium wave scanning all possible frequencies.

First, AIR-Lucknow signing on, etc., around 2225 perhaps on 4880; ID, Bande Mataram, Opening announcements, etc., etc., etc., music, etc. Mahalaya broadcast in Hindi, with songs, etc., fair signal with slight to moderate fading

AIR-Guwahati's signal on 4940 was not audible initially though via MW on 729, the signal was good right from the beginning.

The quality of signal was also poor with co-channel QRM by Chinese station on 4810, i.e. AIR-Mumbai perhaps only noted around 2318. AIR-Guwahati on 4940 with Mahalaya broadcast was audible with poor signal around that time, i.e. 2318.

Heard AIR-Jabalpur signing on around 2255 on 801 with good signal & after initial announcements, etc., etc., Mahalaya broadcast followed. The anchor spoke in Bengali as far as I recalled.

Here is a Medium Wave Air Check:

711 2258 AIR-Siliguri with good signal.
1008 2305 AIR-Kolkata B with fair signal
801 2308 AIR-Jabalpur with fair signal
1143 2313
1458 2319
1404 2319 with good signal
1296 2320
1260 2321 with poor signal commentary in Hindi
1179 2321 with fair signal commentary in Hindi
657 2324 AIR Dibrugarh fair signal with slight noise
666 2325 AIR-Delhi fair signal with noise
729 2326 AIR-Guwahati with good signal
1008 2327 AIR-Kolkata B

1179 2328
1269 2329 with good signal

A few additional AIR check on Shortwave.....
4880 2316 AIR-Lucknow with fair signal, fading etc.
4810 2316 AIR-Mumbai poor signal
4940 2331 AIR-Guwahati poor signal
4810 2332 AIR-Mumbai poor signal with co-channel QRM

73 & 55 (Gautam Kumar Sharma(GK), Abhayapuri (Assam) (India) (via Alokesh Gupta, *ibid.*)

Following AIR channels were noted carrying special Mahalaya transmission during check at around 0000 UT.

SW
4820 - Kolkata
4837 - Gangtok
4895 - Kurseong
4940 - Guwahati

MW
531 - Jodhpur
603 - Ajmer
621 - Patna A
666 - New Delhi B
801 - Jabalpur
810 - Rajkot A
819 - New Delhi A
954 - Nazibabad
1179 - Rewa
1242 - Varanasi
1260 - Ambikapur
1314 - Bhuj
1386 - Gwalior
1593 - Bhopal A

Private FM channel Big FM 92.7 was not carrying this special transmission this year. Regards (Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, *ibid.*)

** INDIA. 7210, AIR-Kolkata (presumed), 0341, 10/5/10. Fair-poor with songs in Hindi and instrumentals much like Vividh Bharati programming; BBC off at 0330 opening up the frequency; this frequency is usually covered by hams; there was some ham traffic but much less than usual; programming still audible at 0355 but fading fast; Aoki and the other sections of the NASWA Combined List have this as Kolkata (Jim Ronda, Tulsa, OK, NRD-545, R-75 + PAR-SWL and FlexMLB, NASWA Flashesheet Oct 10 via DXLD)

** INDIA. 7340, AIR, 1253, 10/10/2010. Listed Sindhi service was poor via listed Mumbai. Pgm was vocals (Jerry Strawman, Des Moines, IA. Equipment: Perseus SDR, Wellbrook 330S, 1 meter loop, Oct 10, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 9425, AIR Bengaluru - National Channel, 1435-1500. Wednesday (Oct 13) special iVividhai program in English devoted entirely to the start today of the Durga Puja Festival. I was unable to hear the AIR special "Mahalaya" broadcast, which takes place seven days before Durga Puja, so was very nice to catch this excellent program detailing all the various aspects of Durga Puja. Celebration of the victory of good over evil and about Durga, the goddess of supreme power and mother goddess; also with chanting of mantras and singing devotional songs; fair. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. Can't get enough of that Bengaluru hum! 9690, AIR GOS English channel at 1330-1500, already on air at 1318 Oct 9, otherwise open carrier, but off again at 1322 check, having confirmed that the transmitter will be ready to radiate.

9425, Bengaluru at 1318 Oct 9, AIR IS, flutter, ACI de FEBC 9430; 1320 Vande Mataram, 1321+ sign-on in Hindi mentioning kHz. Could not hear this National Channel on // 9470 Aligarh with huge WTWW from 9479.

9870, Bengaluru with VBS, Oct 9 at 1319 pop music, flutter, CCI from presumed China.

9690, Oct 10 at 1328, annoying pop music instead of wonderful AIR IS; 1330 formal opening, ``Namaskar, welcome to the General Overseas Service of All India Radio``, announcing as on 9690, 11620, 13710, and into news; poor signal, hum and flutter (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 3325, RRI Palangkaraya, Also heard at 1600-1611*, Sep 21, IS at 1600 and sign off 1611. During the last minutes fine reception (Thomas Lindenthal, Mertendorf, Germany, DSWCI DX Window Oct 6 via DXLD)

3325, after several mornings in a row with a good signal, RRI Palangkaraya missing Oct 8 at 1243, not even a carrier. Propagation not very good, but could get Korean carriers on 2850, 3320, 3480v.

3325, Oct 9 at 1231 tune-in to hear talk in Indonesian, but vanished at 1231:30*. This could explain why I was not hearing any signal the day before when I tuned in somewhat later, after having had nice daily peaks before 1300: RRI Palangkaraya turning off transmitter earlier,

for some reason. What does Atsunori Ishida at <http://rri.jpn.org/> say?
Observations since Oct 7 not yet entered. However, Ron Howard heard
3325 on air from 1439 Oct 9 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 3325, RRI Palangkaraya. Oct. 9. As Glenn and I observed
yesterday, they were off the air. Today was very late signing on.
First noted at 1439 in BI with EZL Indonesian songs; fair. For those
that have not heard their ID before, please listen to attached audio
of a recent ID.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dxld/attachments/folder/586159274/item/list>
<*> ID_of_RRI_Palangkaraya_3325_kHz,_Sept_16.mp3

Hi Glenn, Per Atsunori Ishida: 3325 on Oct 08 from *1425 till 1600*.
My log of Oct 9, finding them on by 1439, would tend to fit with this,
as I did not hear them earlier, when I was probably checking about
1300 or so. Interesting that you caught them briefly at 1231 today.
Clearly needs more monitoring. As you say, we need to wait for
Ishida's Oct 9 posting (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtUn E1,
dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3325, Oct 10, RRI Palangkaraya back to normal schedule, something
audible at 1209 vs artificial noise level plus natural noise from T-
storms a couple counties away; better at 1238 in Indonesian talk. I
assume the absences and/or late starts the past few days were
transmitter or power problems (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 3325, Oct 11 at 1247 talk in Indonesian, poor, from RRI
Palangkaraya, reconfirmed at least on the air at this hour, 12 minutes
after sunrise here (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Space Weather Message Code: ALTK05 Serial Number: 647
Issue Time: 2010 Oct 11 1351 UTC
ALERT: Geomagnetic K-index of 5 Threshold Reached: 2010 Oct 11 1351 UT

Synoptic Period: 1200-1500 UTC
Station: Boulder
Active Warning: Yes
NOAA Scale: G1 - Minor
NOAA Space Weather Scale descriptions can be found at
<http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/NOAAAscales>
-- (via Chuck Rippel, ABDX via DXLD)

3325, RRI Palangkaraya, Oct 12 at 1209 barely audible, but had built
up a bit after sunrise at 1239, Indonesian talk, very poor.

3325, RRI Palangkaraya, Oct 13 at 1256, Indonesian talk, fair at S9+15
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 3995.03, RRI Kendari, 1315-1335 Oct 9. A mix of music and talk; weak on temporary random wire. Think they were off the air for a few days/weeks (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 25-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DXLD) Viz.:

3995.04, RRI Kendari, 1534, Sep 21, on clear channel with musicprogram, 15542 (Thomas Lindenthal, Mertendorf, Germany, DSWCI DX Window Oct 6 via WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 4750, RRI Makassar, 1105-1120 Oct 12, Initially noted a female in Indonesian language comments, but by 1111 she is joined by a male as they converse together. Signal was threshold (Chuck Bolland, WR-G31DDC, 26.37N 081.05W, Clewiston FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Reactivated? Any other reports of this now? Has been off for a few weeks. Ishida <http://rri.jpn.org/> says since Sept 24, still silent as of Oct 13 (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** INDONESIA [and non]. 9526-, VOI signal not so good Oct 8 at 1332, during English hour which had been loud & clear the past few weeks, aside from self-imposed imperfections. Even bothered by WTW 9479 overload.

9526-, VOI, back to normal VG signal Oct 9 after weakish yesterday; 1249 rock in English during Japanese hour; 1314 in English Today in History about consequences of NK nuclear tests; 1315 Focus, on ``Indonesia becoming more attractive to international business``; usual IADs.

9526-, Oct 12 at 1300, VG VOI English has het from 9525.0 until its 1301* and there is nothing to account for it in HFCC, Aoki or EiBi. VOI opening Exotic Indonesia hookup with RRI Banjarmasin as usual on Tuesdays, starting with Dina in Banjarmasin, where it is hot, 29 to 32 degrees; and very hot too in Jakarta where the YL anchor again imagines she is on three SW frequencies.

1302 starting news from alternating studios by other announcers. Top story: MOU with Syria about investment and business co-operation between these two Islamic-dominated countries. (MOU: Memorandum of Understanding, an initialism hardly used in US media; and what do MOUs really amount to?) IADs continue, seemingly a bit more frequent from Kalimantan studio (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. AUSTRALIAN SCIENTIST CLAIMS TO RECEIVE EXTRATERRESTRIAL OPTICAL SIGNAL.

<http://www.foxnews.com/scitech/2010/10/11/scientist-claims-strange-signal-comes-alien-planet/?test=latestnews>

(Space.com via Fox News, via Curtis Sadowski, WTFDA via DXLD)

** IRAN. 9500, Oct 10 at 1328, fair signal with very heavy flutter plus Doppler causing frequency to seem unstable on BFO. Presumed VIRI Pushtu service as listed, 500 kW, 68 degrees from Sirjan at 1230-1330 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran was heard on unscheduled 9810 kHz from 2155 to 2215 fade-out on 10 October. According to its website, IRIB's English broadcast starting at 2130 is receivable only on the internet and via the Hotbird satellite. I suspect the use of shortwave at this time was a technical error, but we shall see (Roger Tidy, UK, Oct 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

``Bosnian`` is scheduled during this hour, via Kamalabad (gh, DXLD)

** IRAN. Frequency & time changes of VOIROI/IRIB in Kurdish, Sorani dialect:
0430-0527 NF 7315 KAM 500 kW / non-dir, ex 0330-0427 on 7375
0430-0527 NF ???? SIR 500 kW / 295 deg, ex 0330-0427 on 9715
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Oct 13 via DXLD)

** IRAN [and non]. 4885.00, 0230-0315, BRAZIL, 08.10, R Clube do Par., Belém, PA, Portuguese talk, mentions "Rádio Clube", 45434. Suddenly at *0239-0250* and again at *0300-0312* it was jammed by Iran looking for signals from the Voice of Iranian Kurdistan! 43433 (Anker Petersen, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire here in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD) See also KURDISTAN

** IRELAND. 12255, Reflections Europe, 1751, very weak with long fades, some copy possible on rare peaks, with English sermon by a man. Only able to ID by checking parallel 6295 (which was best in LSB to escape 6297 splatter). 3 October (David Sharp, NSW Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF-SW7600GR, Timewave 599zx, MW-550P, etc., dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

12255, Reflections Europe, 1639-..., 10 Oct'10, English, rlags. propag. prgrs, music to match with all that; 35444. 73, (Carlos Gonçalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRELAND. HELP NEEDED IN FINDING CHURCHES ON 10 METER FM

Illegal broadcast transmitters in churches are again being heard across the great Atlantic pond, and your help is needed to find them.

Ger McNamara, EI4GXB, is the Irish Radio Transmitters Society's IARU Intruder Watch coordinator. He is asking hams and SWLs to again keep an ear on 28265 FM. This, based on incursions by churches on this

frequency heard throughout Europe with signals equaling 59 +20db.

In addition, McNamara says that there have also been reports of a Church in the Dublin area transmitting on 28030 kHz. This is in the CW portion of the 10 meter band.

No matter where in the world you are, if you hear either of these illegal operations, please send a detailed report to EI4GXB. His e-mail is ei4gxb (at) gmail (dot) com. If you live in Ireland please also copy your report to telecommunications regulator ComReg as well. (IRTS) (via Amateur Radio Newsline via Fred Vobbe, OH, Oct 9, NRC-AM via DXLD)

** ITALIAN SOCIAL REPUBLIC [and non]. Re 10-40: (Historical): Glenn, I can confirm that the Italian fascists broadcast from Munich, following Mussolini's rescue from imprisonment by German special forces. There was also for a time a 'black' version of this service run by the British in order to create confusion amongst fascist supporters.

The Munich broadcasts were reported in the BBC Monitoring Service bulletin "Daily Digest of Foreign Broadcasts", which is available in a number of UK libraries. I think the Munich broadcasts were a stop-gap measure by which Mussolini, by then virtually a German puppet, could get his message across to the probably small number of Italians who still supported him. Eventually, though, the Mussolini regime was able to resume broadcasting on Italian soil from the so-called "Italian Social Republic" (also known as the Salo Republic).

The above-mentioned BBC publication confirms that there was a foreign service on shortwave from Mussolini's rump "republic". Interestingly, one of the shortwave services was a clandestine station known as Radio Himalaya (or Himalayas), which broadcast to India in Indian languages and English and claimed to speak for an Indian liberation movement. This "station" had previously broadcast from Rome and was run by an Indian Moslem revolutionary known as Iqbal Shedai (Roger Tidy, UK, Oct 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

More on the British 'black' version of the pro-Mussolini broadcasts from Munich. Sefton Delmer, who was in charge of the operation, writes the following in his "Black Boomerang" (London, 1962, pages 104-106):

"Our counterfeit of the 'Radio of the Italian Fascist Republic' required much technical skill ... It was Goebbels himself who presented us with the opportunity for a try-out against the Italians. Otto Skorzeny and his SS commandos had recently rescued Mussolini from his Italian anti-Fascist captors and enabled him to set up a Fascist Republican Government in North Italy. Goebbels immediately provided him with a radio station so that he could continue to inspire the

Italian public with his 'dynamism'."

Delmer goes on to explain that, using two Italian prisoners who had previously been professional announcers, the British broadcast their fake version of the station on a neighbouring frequency. While much of the material was a straight relay, at certain appropriate points they would replace the original programming with their own material but in such a way that listeners would not be aware of the switch. This was designed to turn the Italians against Mussolini and included material that was 'rude and hostile to His Holiness the Pope'.

According to Delmer, the original Munich broadcasts were on shortwave but, because of the British 'black' operation, Goebbels had them transferred to the regional medium-wave station at Munich, 'to the great indignation of the Bavarians who were furious at losing their own radio entertainment" (Roger Tidy, UK, Oct 11, WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ITALY [non]. Today, October 9, the second Saturday of the month, no broadcast for World of Radio 0800-0812 UT on 9515 // Internet Audio Stream via IRRS. Only music and announcements in English and Spanish, probably from European Gospel Radio. 73! (Ivo Ivanov, to IRRS and gh, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

mmm, something really strange with your report today. I was tuned and heard WOR followed by DX party line this morning. Ivo, maybe you were tuned to some other station / or stream?

<http://mp3.nexus.org:8000/irn.mp3.m3u> (this is the right one)

Today's station log confirms that WOR for 8 October was played from 10:00:21 CET until 10:29:02 (Alfredo E. Cotronneo, CEO, NEXUS International Broadcasting Association, DX LISTENING DIGEST) However:

Hi Ivo & Glenn, I made further investigations on last Saturday broadcast from 1000 to 1100 CET (0800-0900 UT) on 9515 kHz.

I can confirm that there was indeed a glitch on the digital audio delivery, and backup audio was transmitted from sign-on until approx 10:15 CET, on both our public streaming audio servers and on the air. The straming audio chain consists of four redundant servers in Milano (2x), Frankfurt (Germany) and San JosÈ (California).

The studio in Milano has a 2x redundant connection using different providers to each server. Unfortunately the main optical line from the studio failed on the early morning of Friday at around 00:45 CET due to a general electricity black-out in Milano that killed also our main optical connection to the Internet.

From Friday morning until Saturday at around 10 CET we had to use a backup connection from the studio to the audio delivery servers. The change from the backup to the main line when it was restored on Saturday at around 09:50 CET, caused a short interruption in all audio streams that triggered the back up audio from the "All Gospel Radio stream" to replace for about 20 minutes the IRN/IRRS audio channel.

I previously confirmed that WOR was aired as scheduled, because: a) I was looking at the logs of the source of the audio Shortwave stream, which was showing everything OK from sign-on; and b) I was also fooled by having tuned just after 10:15 CET (but i missed the sign-on), and I heard that WOR was on the air. Thanks Ivo for letting us know :-)

73, (Alfredo E. Cotroneo, CEO, NEXUS-Int'l Broadcasting Association
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ph: +39-02-266 6971 - Toll free: 1-888-612-0039 fax: +39-02-706 38151
Oct 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Gee, that's awfully convoluted. Long gone are the days at any radio station of a real human overhearing in real time what is axually going on the air by listening to an air monitor, and able to take axion immediately if something go wrong (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** ITALY. QSL: IAR Rome Radio, 8418, f/d "73 fm RomaRadio/IAR" folder card with color picture of their offices on front of card, a picture of Marconi and sat dishes on the inside of the card and a ship outline on the back. In 68 days for English airmail report and US \$5 return postage. This is really a very lovely QSL. Best 73, (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire/Randomwire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN [and non]. Re 10-40: Glenn, congratulations on your 774 Japan catch! DX thrills still exist. How's your longwave noise level? The Russians on 180 and 279 have really been strong so far this season. Very good reception on a barefoot consumer Grundig as early as 0800 UT for 180 kHz. By 1200 both are easy.) Regards, (Brock Whaley, HI, Oct 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I don't check LW much, with only the built-in ferrite antenna on the DX-398, but perhaps I should (gh)

** JAPAN. TP MW bandscan around 1200 and 1230 UT Oct 10 unproductive; some of the usual lower-band carriers, best being 747 at 1202, presumably 500 kW JOIB, NHK Sapporo-2, Hokkaido (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

TP signals practically were non-existent here this morning, only a few

random hets (558/702/774/972 kHz) were heard. Signals from Mexico were stronger than usual. I hope listeners to the west of here can hear something (Richard Allen, 36°22'51"N / 97°26'35"W, (near Perry OK USA), 1313 UT Oct 10, IRCA via DXLD)

693, 747, 828 JAPAN. Carriers observed on Perseus spectrum display, but too weak for any audio. Carriers presumed to be JOAB, Tokyo, JOIB Sapporo, & JOBB, Osaka, respectively. Not bad for a 1 meter loop (Jerry Strawman, Des Moines, IA. Equipment: Perseus SDR, Wellbrook 330S, 1 meter loop, Oct 10, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Time?

** JAPAN [and non]. TP conditions quite poor Oct 11, but some carriers detectable, at 1159: 747; at 1206-1210 two scans up and down found only 612, 774 and 855- (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

As has been the norm here for the past three decades, JOUB [774] continues to be the most likely to be heard TP signal. Last autumn it was audible every morning in a 60-day period. Good DX (Richard Allen, 36°22'51"N / 97°26'35"W, (near Perry OK USA), Oct 11, IRCA via WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DXLD)

Yes, but don't you notice the 776 spur from KSPI after it's on? See also KOREA NORTH just below (gh)

** JAPAN. R. Nikkei, Oct 9 at 0553 fair on both 9595 and 9760 in non // Japanese talk (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [and non]. Trans-Pacific MW carrier search, Oct 12 at 1229-1233 UT, a few minutes before local sunrise: Only detected on 747, 774, 828, 855-, 882, 1044, 1098, 1116.

The one on 855 really sticks out, markedly different pitch on BFO at 9-kHz steps. Surely KCBS North Korea, altho the MW offset lists at <http://www.mwlist.org/mwoffset.php?khz=> and <http://www.myradiobase.de/mediumwave/mwoffset.txt> show:
855.055 KRE KCBS Pyongyang Pongsong (Sangwon) [855.0454-] 2100-2030
2009-01-10

I.e. as of 22 months ago. But I have been reporting it on the low side of 855 instead. Must recheck that. Chuck Hutton in WA reported Sept 19, 2010 to IRCA: ``Absolutely positively and definitely. North Korea 855 has been high forever and stays around 855.045.``

855, re previous TP bandscans finding a carrier here, presumably off-frequency NK: Oct 13 around 1210 I am not getting any TPs but this

weak carrier is showing steadily, and can't make a null on it. It's on the hi side of 855, but at 1245 on the lo side.

I must conclude it's of local origin, perhaps even a DX-398 birdie. I see that DXers in the Pacific Northeast reporting lots of Japanese and other East Asians don't often include 855 NK, despite being listed in WRTH as 500 kW, in external sexion only, as Pyongyang Pangsong, Sangwon site (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH. 6100.00, KCBS Kanggye, 1605, Oct 10, Korean brief announcement, patriotic songs & orchestral pieces in the clear but overpowered by co-channel BBC 1629. Surprised to hear this exactly on freq //usual 9665.39. Had not logged them here for quite some time, seems recent reactivation? 73, (Martien Groot, Schoorl, Netherlands, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH. Hi Glenn, This is my first contribution. 11735, Voice of Korea, 10-09-2010 0104-0110 GMT. Fading in and out women's voice. I know it is supposed to be in English -- I can hear the voice but can't discern the words. Thank You and everyone around the world that does this DX Listening Digest (Robert Payne, Shreveport LA, UT Oct 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Welcome! Try their // frequencies 13760, 15180 (gh)

** KURDISTAN [and non]. 4869.97, *0250-0315, CLANDESTINE, 08.10, Voice of Iranian Kurdistan, via Salah Al-Din, Northern Iraq. Kurdish talk and local music. Jumped to 4879.97 at 0257 and further on to 4874.95 at 0312. The Iranian jammer followed one minute later! 33443. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire here in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD) See also IRAN [and non]

** KYRGYZSTAN. 4050.04, R Rossi, via Krasnaya Rechka, Bishkek, 0000-0015, Sep 27, Russian music and ID's, occasional CWQRM, 44544.

4795.01, Kyrgyz R 1, Krasnaya Rechka, Bishkek, 0105-0120, Oct 03, conversation in Kyrgyz with low modulation, QRM AIR Hyderabad 4800, 34322 // 4010 (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Oct 6 via DXLD)

** LAOS. 4412.798. LNR Sam Neua, 1124, heard at the best level in a long time! Nearly S9+40dB with decent modulation. Nice local music with occasional comments by a woman. 2 October (David Sharp, NSW Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF-SW7600GR, Timewave 599zx, MW-550P, etc., dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBERIA. 3960, Star Radio (presumed). October 10, 0529-0546 African music, male in an uncertain language because signal was very weak to

identify. 25232 (L'cio Ot.vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - Dipole 18m, 32m; Longwire 22m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3960, 4025, October 12, monitored 0530-0550 no signal of Star Radio, Liberia. 73's (L'cio Ot.vio Bobrowiec ñ Embu SP Brasil, Sony SW40 ñ Dipole 18m, 32m, Longwire 22m, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LITHUANIA [and non]. Re: R. Saint Helena Day [non] imminent from Lithuania [gh reposted RMRC news in 10-40 about this, 1454 UT Oct 9 to dxldyg]

Europe 1530-1630 9770 German --- Good signal here in south Italy (Roberto Scaglione, Sicily, 1530 UT, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The special broadcast on 9770 at 1530-1630 UT also well heard with some buzz in the audio at my location in NW England. There was an announcement from an HCJB German broadcast at the end of transmission! Signal strength = 20 dB+ over 9 with co-channel QRM during at least the last half hour, so probably CRI Urumchi in Hakka. Heard at fair strength when Sitkuni left the frequency (Noel R. Green, NW England, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

But generally well heard only in at least 1000 km distance from the transmitter. Of course just what is to be expected for 31 metres signals between one hour before sunset and actual sunset. If the goal was to reach eastern Germany, too, the frequency was clearly too high.

What made the situation particularly bad was the co-channel use, not only by CRI after 1600 (one comment in the A-DX list reads "CRI always ruins anything") but also by DW until 1600, with Swahili from Kigali.

This 9770 otherwise carries on Sundays HCJB in Russian and Chechen, in the other direction, towards broad daylight. Just using it for the RMRC special, too, was apparently a too easy approach. I write this in hoping that others prefer open, honest opinions as well, and recognizing that this easy approach probably spared the operator from further dealings with the telcom regulation authority.

(And on the other hand: Is Urumqi really no problem in Russia?)

> There was an announcement from an HCJB German broadcast
> at the end of transmission!

Which goes out on 5940, where the transmitter afterwards stays for IRIB until 2030, presumably with an antenna switch at 1930. The RMRC special originated from the same play-out than HCJB programming (located probably, but not necessarily on-site), and the transmitter

itself has just been retuned to 5940 a bit too late (Kai Ludwig, Germany, *ibid.*)

In Copenhagen it was only SINPO 33333, and at 16 UT covered by CRI. The frequency was probably too high for Denmark. 73, (Erik Koie, 1645 UT Oct 9, *ibid.*)

In Barcelona, Spain, no problem all over hour, sinpo 45444 varies very little. No QRM no interference. I have audio clip to upload from podomatic in a while. Cordialmente, (Tom·s MÈndez, 1657 UT, <http://www.amarantadx.net> <http://twitter.com/adxb1159> *ibid.*)

Good in GM at 1535 on 9770. JB (Jerry Berg, MA, 1538 UT, Dxplorer via B·schel, DXLD)

Blocked by CRI from 1558 UT (correct time!) here in Germany :-(how in NA? (Harald Kuhl, 1603 UT, *ibid.*)

Wonderful strong signal of S=9+35dB, here in Stuttgart, Germany, centered in the main lobe of the 259 degrees outlet from Lithuania, no QRM.

China co-channel now heard at 1633 UT after Sitkunai ceased transmission, but CRI Hakka broadcast weak in 212 degrees from Urumchi site, in direction of Bombay, Maldives/Seychelles, and Madagascar.

And three seconds bargain of HCJB's German feed too, broadcast on 9770 kHz instead of scheduled 5940 kHz.

Same excellent transmission signals from Sitkunai heard already 40 years ago in USSR era. But not that happening content ... :-) Danke RMRC und Harald f·rs Ereignis. 73 wb (Wolfgang B·schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9770, 9/10 1545, Rhein-Main R. Club - Frankfurt Tedesco Radio St. Helena Day 2009, ottimo (Roberto Pavanello, Vercelli / Italia, via Roberto Scaglione, shortwave yg via DXLD)

9770, Rhein Mein Radio Club, Lithuania - German broadcast coming in with fair signals at 1530. Music and talks about DX camps & R. St Helena. Some minor fading with local electrical noise and slight atmospheric QRM. Signal fluctuating between S5 - S7. Overall good audio and clear listening (Steve Wood, Harwich, MA, Drake R8B, 25 x 50 Superloop NE/SWN antenna, NASWA yg via DXLD)

Only a weak carrier with no audio was received here. The carrier was strong enough to hold synch lock with the Perseus, but no useable audio. 73, (Brandon Jordan, Memphis, TN, 1728 UT, <http://www.bcdx.org>

| <http://www.dxtests.info> dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello everyone, Just to let you know that reception of the special transmission of the RMRC club via Lithuania on 6130 kHz is received well here at 2230 UT with my Grundig G5 receiver and telescopic antenna. SINPO 44444 (Gilles Letourneau, Montreal, Canada, Oct 9, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Rhein-Main Radio 6130 kHz at 2252 UT tune in talking with Robert Kipp about the history of Radio St. Helena Day. Into Eagles tune at 2258 UT. Very Good (Mick Delmage, Sherwood Park, AB, Kenwood R5000, KLM 7-30 MHz Log Periodic, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Huge signal on clear frequency (6130) at *2230 with Rhein-Main Radio Club English program to NA (John Herkimer, NY, Dxplorer via Wolfgang B,schel, dxldyg via DXLD)

Traces of audio here at 2230; some improvement so that individual words and voices could be heard by 2236; best in LSB (Jim Ronda, Tulsa, OK, ibid.)

Powerful signal from carrier on at 2228. IS, ID into programming, which continues strong at 2250 ñdon (Don Jensen, WI, ibid.)

LITHUANIA, 6130, TCI-California antenna beamed in direction of 310 degrees serves a powerful signal in target zones 4,7,8,9,10,11 in North America.

6130 here in Stuttgart only co-channel CNR Lhasa Tibet in English (!) with typical Chinese dance music, S=9+10dB, 2230 UT Oct 9. From 2234 UT onwards heard the St. Helena Happening broadcast TINY UNDERNEATH. In an angle difference of 51 degrees, to main lobe via TCI 8-dipol beast at 310 degrees (Wolfgang B,schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

LITHUANIA, RMRC, 6130 kHz, 2228-2332 UTC. Strange enough but reception here (South-Eastern Ukraine) was comparatively good (34433) on my Degen DE-1103 (telescopic aerial). Slight interference from CNR Lhasa. Thank you, RMRC. It was truly a wonderful broadcast (Aleksandr Diadischev, Ukraine, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

LITHUANIA, Rhein-Main Radio Club special RSH 2009 broadcast via Sitkunai, 6130, 2230-2330 - English with clips of RSH 2009 broadcast, comments, QSL details. Initially poor but improving to fair by 2330. Transmitter left on until 2332 (Brandon Jordan, Memphis, TN, Perseus SDR, Wellbrook K9AY, Wellbrook ALA330S, KAZ, ibid.)

6130, Rhein Main Radio Club (via Sitkunai Lithuania), special on RSHD

and other topics; carrier on at 2229 UT Oct 9, ID, talk about SW calendar, RMRC DX camp and other activities, mx ("Like A Drug," "Can't Stop the World," "Down Yonder," etc.); into talk about RSHD history, many studio quality audio clips of the 2009 RSHD program at 2302 UT; gave postal, e-mail addresses and RMRC URL at 2327; closing anmt, tuning melody, off 2332:30 UT. Excellent signal. Also fair during the German broadcast at 1530-1630 UT on the same day, 9770 kHz (Jerry Berg-MA-USA, DXplorer Oct 9 via BC-DX via DXLD)

RMRC 6130 - S=59+15dB on Perseus to K9AY at 2315 UT from Whitby ON (25 mi NE of Toronto). Nearly as strong at s/on; carrier on at 2229 UT on the button. A very enjoyable program! Good copy on a barefoot CCrane-SW (Tony Ward (VE3NO), NYAA Starfest <<http://www.nyaa.ca>> DXplorer Oct 10, via BC-DX via DXLD)

6130, RMRC made its appearance [in Canada] here from about 2308 to 2330* UT with Robert Kipp's commentary, noted a ID at 2310 UT, dialogue, and the close their closing annmts with e-mail address / website information, with some sort sign-off ballad. Signal was just audible initially and gradually improved to about s3 at sign-off. I agree with James Ronda, if they had stayed on for another hour if would made better copy, especially at local sunset conditions (Edward Kusalik-Daysland-Alb-CAN, DXplorer Oct 10, *ibid.*)

6130, RMRC Radio, 2235-2330* Oct 9. Threshold level at tune-in but gradually improved to fair by 2330 closedown, which was still nearly an hour before local sunset. Surprised to hear this on the short wire tossed out the window. Enjoyed what little I was able to hear (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 25-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** LITHUANIA [and non]. 6130, Rhein-Main Radio Club special consolation broadcast for Radio Saint Helena Day, which was canceled: Did not anticipate very good reception from that far into eastern Europe, and such was the case. No CCI or ACI, but signal generally too weak and fading vs noise level.

Tune-in Oct 9 at 2235 , poor with music only; 2241 some talk but unreadable, 2242 music, and so forth. 2252 mentioning QSL cards; 6130 now a little better, maximum 7 bars on the DX-398 with reel-out antenna, 8 with a longer random wire clipped on, but that's still far from enough for clear copy considering the noise and modulation levels.

2304 announced ``Life on the Ocean Waves'', RSH theme tune and played a bit of it; then schedule to different regions, presumably studio recording of last year's RSHD. 2307 seems two guys conversing, mentioning R-M-R-C-. SINPO at best 35333. 2317 mentioned 11092.5 U-S-

B, time quarter to one GMT.

By 2327 signal had worsened, now unreadable. Tnx to RMRC for undertaking this, and hope we may get to hear this hour later online. Probably would have been better to NAm on 7 MHz band; e.g. RUI on 7440 was much stronger in English before 2300, but they do have a few hundred more kW and I assume lots more antenna gain. I gather reception was quite a bit better north and east of here, as would be expected (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RMRC Sondersendung zu St. Helena. Hallo Freunde, ein ganz kleiner Trost fuer alle, die weder die deutsche noch die englische Sendung hoeren konnten:

Wir werden die Sendung am kommenden Samstag 16.10.2010 nochmals ausstrahlen, dann allerdings per I-Radio ueber Straemerp2p Rmrc Radio 1 ab 2100 UTC deutsch und anschliessend English.

Auf die Seite <http://streamerp2p.com> gehen und click RMRC Radio 1, evtl. streamer runterladen und installieren, dann ist RMRC radio1 in der Liste der Online Radios zu finden.

Empfangsberichte zur RMRC KW-Sendung ab dem 16.10.2010 werden dann in jedem Fall nur noch mit einer mail-QSL Karte bestaetigt.

Ist nur ein Trost, ich weiss, ist keine Kurzwelle, dafuer in guter Qualitaet. beste 73 (RMRC - Dr. Harald Gabler, A-DX Oct 10 via BC-DX via WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DXLD)

So the German and English hours of Oct 9 will be streamed online the following Saturday Oct 16 from 2100, URL above (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DXLD)

** LITHUANIA. Upcoming broadcast of an unknown program/station via Sirkunai: 1300-1400 on 11640 SIT 100 kW / 079 deg to SEAs Sat, from Oct. 16 in English (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Oct 13 via DXLD)

RMRC Broadcast about RSD2009 to Japan and Asia on 23. October 2010

The Rhein-Main Radio Club (RMRC) will broadcast a special program in English on Saturday, 23. October 2010, from 1300 to 1400 UT on 11640 kHz with 100 kW (AM-modulation) from Sirkunai in Lithuania to Japan and Asia. The program will be essentially the same as the English broadcast to North America on 09. October. The main feature will be audio clips from the Radio St. Helena Day 2009 programs.

There will also be information about the RMRC, comments on RSH and RSD by Robert Kipp, and (we hope) some special comments by Mr. Toshi

Ohtake of the Japan ShortWave Club (JSWC). The RMRC wishes listeners everywhere good reception conditions.

No return postage is needed for the special RMRC QSL-card. There is also an electronic QSL for email reports. The postal address can be found on the club web page at <http://www.RMRC.DE> With best 73,
(Robert Kipp, Oct 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

And my e-QSL has arrived Oct 13 for 6130. It's a jpg attachment, pastel drawing of three cute fuzzy little redbirds on a limb wearing headphones, by Christiane Winkler, <http://www.zeichenwerkstatt-cw.de>

The verie info is only on the accompanying e-mail text:

Dear OM Glenn! We are pleased to verify your report on the reception of RMRC Broadcast

Date: October, 9th, 2010
Time: 22:35 UTC
Frequency: 6130 kHz
Station: Sitkunai, Lithuania
Power: 100 kW
Direction: North America

Your report has been checked with our schedules and found be correct. We would appreciate receiving further reports from you.

Best DX 55+73 RMRC - Germany Lutz Winkler
More information about RMRC ? <http://www.rmrc.de>
(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LITHUANIA. Re 10-40, CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES: Noted the piece of hard news in the EDXC report? At least I have not seen it so far:

"Vilnius in Lithuania was the preferred place, because Risto had some good contacts over there, and this was maybe the last chance we had to see the Sitkunai transmitter site, before it eventually will be closed down later in 2011."

Perhaps needs a clarification if "eventually" appears as false friend here, since in German "eventuell" means "possibly" with low likelihood, or if it is meant in such a way as my dictionary suggests, synonymous to "finally". In other words, is a closure of the site under consideration or already decided? (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Oct 9, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Yes, that is the English sense (gh)

** LUXEMBOURG [and non]. Sabato 2 ottobre 2010, 0800 - 6095 kHz, RTL DRM spenta. Che sia iniziato, *finalmente*, il "de profundis" del DRM?

GiovedÌ 7 ottobre 2010, VenerdÌ 8 ottobre 2010, 07.15 - 6090 kHz,
UNIVERSITY NETWORK, The Valley (Anguilla), Inglese, riflessioni OM.
Segnale buono-sufficiente.

RTL DRM 6095 sempre spenta. In questi giorni, tra l'altro, mi pare di avere notato spento anche il DRM su 1440 kHz. Riduzione o cancellazione? (Luca Botto Fiora, SITO RICEVENTE G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova), Italia, Oct 9, playdx yg via DXLD)

** LUXEMBOURG [non]. Radio Luxembourg --- Luxy is Back!!!!

http://www.radioluxembourg.co.uk/cms/index.php?option=com_joomlaboard&Itemid=149&func=view&id=683&catid=2
(But only on the Internet) Ken Fletcher CH43

[Moderator note: Ken adds "BUT use Firefox for Accurate Connection". I haven't checked the link yet, but trust it will work on other browsers as well- Mark S.] (Ken Fletcher, UK, Oct 9, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

Play okay via IE7 and IE 8, automatically opens Windows Audio Player via Firefox it requires an unknown "plug in" (Tony Boreham, *ibid.*)

Yes, link worked fine with me, Ken - mind you, I always use Firefox as I was a big fan of Netscape. Works fine in Opera and Internet Explorer 8 too. I always regretted Radio Luxembourg never got a UK FM/VHF frequency instead of Radio 1 which has, I feel, passed its 'sell-by' date (Rog Parsons (BDXC 782), *ibid.*)

The internet Radio Luxembourg classic rock station has been on the air since 2005 and did broadcast in DRM on shortwave to the UK at one time. The website erroneously claims they are still broadcasting in DRM and their news is out of date. How much of the output is fresh programming and how much is tapes on repeat seems unclear (Mike Barracough, Oct 12, *ibid.*)

** MADAGASCAR. 5010, R. TV. Malagasy, Oct 05 1520-1530, 23432, Malagasy, Afro pops and talk, Theme music and ID at 1521. Also Oct 06 1532-1542, 33433, Malagasy, talk and music, ID at 1532. Also Oct 07 1520-1539, 33433, Malagasy, talk and music, ID at 1521 (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, Japan Premium Oct 9 via DXLD)

5010, Madagascar, R. Madagasikara, Antananarivo. October 10, 0305-0321 Malagasy (listed) male and female talks, voices reciting like a preacher, choral music, female segment. 35333 (L'cio 0t.vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - Dipole 18m, 32m; Longwire 22m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 5010, 12 OCT, 1802 UT, Radio Madagasikara with bizarre drum music and male vocals until station ID in presumed Malagasy at 1813 and talk until suddenly off air at 1815. Never heard at this signal level before and on full AM! S9+ on a good evening for Africans.

This has been a good night for African stations. It was a really nice opening and I hope it will occur again soon (or better yet, stay for a couple of weeks!).

At first I thought Madagascar was AIR Trivandrum (the full name is a mouthful!) come back on after I had heard it sign off at 1740 earlier, but then I heard the language, and it was definitely not Hindi, and the music did not sound like anything I have heard on an AIR station. Malagasy sounds more like Bahasa Indonesia to me. I wonder if they have been working on their transmitter since they usually pop up on USB, but tonight was full-bore AM with a marvelous modulation level.

I'll be checking again tonight and hopefully the conditions remain long enough for me to get a better logging of this. They are supposed to be on until 1900, but maybe there was a transmitter problem as they did appear to go down in mid-sentence (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire/Randomwire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALAYSIA. 5964.90, Klasik Nasional 1219-1313 Oct 11. Sub-continental music hosted by YL; a few ads or announcements around BoH, then back music; two pips at 1300, then news; back to music at 1311. Was // to 7270.01 and 5030.02 for the ten-minute newscast. Good signal on all frequencies (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 25-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** MALAYSIA. 6049.60v, Asyik FM, via RTM, Kuala Lumpur, R Suara Islam also heard at 0010, Sep 30, chant-like songs, ads, female speaker overdubbing the music in Bahasa Malaysia, fair (Graham Bell, Cape Town, South Africa, DSWCI DX Window Oct 6 via DXLD)

6049.6, Oct 9 1306, weak music to talk, VP, 1308 mixing music and talk. Confirmed off-frequency compared to WEWN 12050. A semihour earlier I was only hearing the het with HCJB(?). Now with some audio there is still a het from algo on 6050.0.

I defer to Ron Howard who reported thus Oct 4: ``pop music show at 1301 in vernacular with many "Radio Malaysia Asyik FM" IDs; fair; slight drift.'' (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Probably in a month or two you will be able to really hear some program details. Suggest you try for the very distinctive Saturday "Bollywood" show of pop India/Hindi movie songs. You should find them on around 1230 to past 1330 with this enjoyable program. Best regards,

(Ron Howard, CA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Sabato 9 ottobre 2010, 1414 - 6049.6 kHz, SUARA ISLAM - Kajang (Malesia), Musica locale. Segnale sufficiente-insufficiente. QRM fade/in PBS Xizang 6050 (Luca Botto Fiora, G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova), Italia, playdx yg via DXLD)

6049.63, Asyik FM (presumed), 1340-1405 Oct 9. Regional and subcontinental vocals, YL announcer; into Koranic program at 1400, presumably Suara Islam. Fair at tune-in; poor by 1400 (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 25-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** MEXICO. MW DX: times in CDT [UT -5], 9 OCT 2010:
1100, XETGO, Tlaltenango, Zacatecas; R. Cañón, música banda, música mexicana regional, norteña, full ID 0300, XETGO con 5-mil watts de potencia, R. Cañón. el Cañonazo.

1130, XETOL, Toluca, Edo. de MEXICO, "11-30 AM", 0358 música romántica-recuerdos.

1130, XEYZ, Aguascalientes, AG; "La Poderosa 107.7", 0430 música banda, mexicana regional, norteña. 73's de Steve/AB5GP (Steven C. Wiseblood, Harlingen, TEXAS EL16, 26:12N 97:45W, Sangean PR-D5, Kchibo KK-D6110, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO [and non]. More sunrise MW DX: 900 kHz, Oct 8 at 1224 UT, peppy Mexican music and DJ trying to wake up audience with several 6:26 timechex; clock is a bit fast, at 1229 it's 6:30, temp only 9 C, government PSAs into one lasting several minutes until fade 1235, about a new mural the Supreme Court has commissioned for the 200th anniversary. I thought the artist mentioned was Ernesto Carbonell, but that name doesn't show in searches.

This loops WSW, so can't be XEW, the original sole occupant of 900, long ago downgraded to cram in more AMs around the country (will it regain dominance once the migration to FM is complete?). The only one fitting from that timezone (UT -6 = CST/MDT) and direxion is per WRTH 2010: XEDT, 5/1 kW, La Reina, Ciudad Cuauhtémoc, Chihuahua.

It seems we are having a pipeline from that town, as a few minutes earlier I again had the 710 station, XEDP, like a few days ago.

Why was it so chilly in C.C.? Latitude only 28-24 North, but must be high: yes, Wiki says 1935 m (6348.43 ft) elevation! Could that also have something to do with how well their stations get out?

This led me to check 550, finding at 1228, another Mexican in the same

zone with 6:27 timecheck, 1228 IFE PSA, but losing out to USA. This was very likely XEPL, La S'per EstaciÛn, 5/0.15 kW, also Ciudad CuauhtÈmoc. IIRC heard years ago this one had some Low German programming, since it's a Mennonite stronghold.

Per <http://mexicoradiotv.com/listchih.htm> there is one more AM there, on 990, XEER, Radio Lobo. Must seek it next time. I also checked 870 again for XETAR but no sign of it.

Another sunrise and time to check for the fourth Ciudad CuauhtÈmoc, Chihuahua2 MW station, after having heard the ones on 550, 710 and 900: Sunday Oct 10 at 1230 on 990, a station from the right direxion, WSW (surely not ENE), vs Mexican music from the south, i.e. Monterrey or Metroplex. But this one is in Spanish Rosary, 1231 interrupted for a hymn, 1234 back to Rosary but losing out to QRM. Tentatively XEER, R. Lobo. Hope they do something less generic on weekdays.

Finding nothing much trans-Pacifically, turned MW attention to here just before sunrise 1235 UT Oct 11:

610, at 1201 Mexican NA, from the southwest, mixing with QRM, and when it finally finished at 1204, just about gone. Since this is normally played (as required?) at 6 am local, it should be coming from a station in the UT -6 = MDT/CST zone, but as far as I can tell, there are not any, just UT -7 and UT -5. Mexico's DST observations, complicated by border-city variations to match USA, are explained here:

<http://www.timeanddate.com/news/time/mexico-starts-dst-2010.html>
Note that it ends Oct 31 in most of the country where observed, except border cities Nov 7 matching US.

870, at 1225 Oct 11, YL in Spanish announcing local meetings, family reunions, etc., into November dates, presumably XETAR.

990, again today it's the unID Rosary station, Oct 11 at 1223; 1232 song, 1234 story of a single mother who found Jesus, reference (yes, in Spanish) to <http://www.fln.ca> and Ernesto Pinto, i.e. Family Life Network in Winnipeg, which claims to send its stuff to 1100 Spanish-speaking radio stations including USA and Mexico, but does not list them. http://www.fln.ca/home/global_projects/spanish/

Unlike yesterday, this is hard to null, so I am now not certain it was coming from Chihuahua direxion rather than Farmersville (Villa Agricultor), Tejas. {One thing for sure: for at least three very good reasons, it can't be CBW.}

1030, at 1231, ads in Spanish from the WSW, one of them ending with a .mx website. Most likely XEYC Ju·rez but also possible stations in

Sonora, Sinaloa.

Sunrise MW DX check, Oct 12:

830, at 1226 UT, newscast from the southwest, interview with government official about exporting camarones to US, 6:27 timecheck, local news mentioning Culiacán, next story about thieves stealing copper cables. So this is XEVQ there in Sinaloa, rather than the only other likely, XEDR in Guaymas, Sonora, where it's 5:27.

870, at 1233, 6:33 timecheck by same YL I have been hearing, presumably XETAR, Guachochi, Chihuahua; then government PSA.

Sunrise MW DX Oct 13: trouble is, too many stations in too brief a window, so definite IDs are sparse. On DX-398 inside, AC power, built-in ferrite antenna only:

580, at 1226 Mexican music on guitar plus combo from the west, dominating WIBW which is easily nulled. XEFI Chihuahua, Chihuahua most likely, R. Mexicana.

640, Spanish at 1222 easily in null of WWLS OK before day signal; KFI underneath. One of two Chihua2 stations, more likely XEJUA Juárez.

650, at 1234, several news items concerning Sinaloa, starting with a road to Chihuahua. Stingers between every item; 6:35 timecheck en el ``noticiero número uno de Sinaloa en Doble-U Radio, Radio 65''. Definitely XETNT, Los Mochis.

770, at 1232 from WSW, Spanish atop KKOB (Santa Fe?) which 5 minutes earlier was atop with Albuquerque traffic report. Talk about women's duties vs men's. 1238 discussion still going on among several people in studio. Based on direxion, the only fit is XEREV, Los Mochis, Sinaloa (and 650 there was also in), but this would be a departure from Los 40 Principales (top 40 format). Certainly worth further pursuit. No, there is no SS US station on 770.

850, Spanish music at 1228 from WSW in null of KOA, most likely XEM Chihuahua.

870, at 1229 YL announcements in Spanish, just about alone on frequency, presumed XETAR, Chihuahua. This one held up a bit longer than the others.

900, at 1230, DJ with phoner, repeatedly uses expression ``que dice'', probably XEDT, Ciudad Cuauhtémoc, Chihuahua as before. Maybe meant, ``what do you say?'' (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. Radio EducaciÛn 6185 kHz, (1060 kHz) F/D QSL card from v/s Mr. Antonio Tenorio MuÛoz Cota, General Director of the station. I sent by certificated postal mail a written reception report and US \$1.00 reporting a tune of the 1060 kHz on MW but the QSL reports 6185 khz. On an enclosed personal letter, Mr. Tenorio explains that XEPPM connects (sic) with XEEP 1060 khz, so, he sent me a shortwave QSL (Julio Rolando Pineda CordÛn, GUATEMALA, Oct CIDX Messenger via DXLD)

** MEXICO. Re 10-40, Miss MÈxico: Siento contrariarlos chicos, pero sÌ ha habido una "afromexicana" en Miss Universo: Ericka Cruz Escalante, y aunque se dice que naciÛ en YucatÛn, no tiene raÛces yucatanenses: tiene ascendencia afrocubana por lÌnea paterna (ver Wikipedia).

Y sÌ es verdad lo que dices Glenn: ha habido polÈmica en los medios ya que algunos han dicho que las chicas que concursan representan a algÛn tipo racial "no-mexicano" o determinados sectores socio-econÛmicos de la poblaciÛn. Inclusive aquÌ en YucatÛn ha causado bastante ruido (en el mundo de los espectÛculos) la elecciÛn de la m.s reciente "Nuestra Belleza" por el haber elegido una joven que no es originaria de nuestro estado sino adem.s tiene poco tiempo de residir aquÌ, ya no se diga representar a las tÛpicas mujeres de nuestra regiÛn. Atte: (IngCiv. Israel GonzÛlez Ahumada, M.I., YucatÛn, Oct 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hola Israel, Puede ser por su ascendencia, pero no aparece de ninguna manera negra --- lo importante. TodavÌa ausente 6105, parece.

That was in 2002; I was just referring to the current crop. Maybe she is by her bio, but look at her images. Do a google search on her name and click on images. She's light enough to ``pass`` easily, tho there's a wide variety of skin tones in this collecÛon --- Many of them look like they must be someone else, yet have her full name on them, and as you get further down the gallery watch out for some ringers, other people mixed in (Glenn to Israel, via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Respecto a la persona de la que me comentas es muy conocida en YucatÛn ya que se dedica al modelaje y cierto el tema (y la chica en cuestiÛn) sigue siendo polÈmico.

Respecto al DX, sÌ, todavÌa XEQM ausente (IngCiv. Israel GonzÛlez Ahumada, M.I., YucatÛn, Oct 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MONGOLIA. 4895, Mongoliin R 2, Murun, *2300-2330, Oct 04, IS, Mongolian short ann, National Hymn, 2303 talk by man and woman with pop music interludes, later native instrumental music by orchestra, 45433, heard // Khonkhor 7260: 35333. The same programme 2 was heard; however 7260 was about 20 seconds ahead of 4895! 4830 was not heard

(Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Oct 6 via DXLD)

[another version:] 4895.00, *2300-2330 04.10, Mongoliin [sic] R 2, Murun. Mongolian ann, National hymn, male and female hosts talking with interludes of pop music, later native instrumental music by orchestra, 45433 heard // 7260 Khonkhor: 35333. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire here in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** MONGOLIA. 7470, RFA via Ulaanbaator, 1248, 10/10/2010. Tibetan dialect service listed. Weak audio noted. Program was instrumental music. Poor overall signal (Jerry Strawman, Des Moines, IA. Equipment: Perseus SDR, Wellbrook 330S, 1 meter loop, Oct 10, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MOROCCO. 9575: Mark Taylor in WI reported an unID at 2332-2359 Oct 9, in Portuguese with Brasilian music, blocked by Medi 1 from 2359; nothing listed. [see UNIDENTIFIED]

I started to check this out Oct 11 at 2315, found only a weak carrier, no Portuguese detectable, but didn't get back to it later that hour.

So try again Oct 12, at 2345: there is romantic music playing, I think at the moment with English lyrics; 2347 announcement but I am not convinced it is Portuguese. Check RDPI just in case: not // 9715. Talk modulation is somewhat muffled, over music at 2355; some bother from DentroCuban Jamming Command 9565 pulsebleed. But nothing compared to the two adjacent carriers on from *2359, CRI via ALBANIA on 9570, and RRI via Tiganeshti on 9580, both about to start English.

At 0000 Oct 13, 9575 resumes talking for a while, perhaps news, but now way too much ACI to copy it. However, as far as I could tell, it was the same station on 9575 before and after 0000, so I think on this date at least, it was just Radio MÈdi-1, Morocco, which after all is supposedly running 24 hours on this frequency per Aoki and WRTH. No Brazilians are listed on 9575 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MOROCCO [and non]. 15340, RTM still here instead of 15341, Oct 8 at 1302 in Arabic, atop another station with weak SAH instead of AH, presumably the only other one scheduled, HCJB Australia, but very weak today and could not hear it on the English frequency 15400 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Sabato 9 ottobre 2010, 1348 - 15348v kHz, RT MAROCAINE - Tangeri, Arabic, talk OM e music locale. Segnale sufficiente-buono
Ex 15341? LSB x QRM GFA 15350 (Luca Botto Fiora, G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova), Italia, playdx yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DXLD)

15340 at 1150 on 11 Oct in African/Moroccan AA (but with some French inflection); deep fades; 2 yl chatting in AA, AA mx bridge, progressive atonal AA quavering mx; check back at 1218 & more mx; quite clear; 15339.96 actual; RTM Morocco (pres) E1+ANLP1 (Stewart, Hamilton, Ontario, ODXA yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DXLD) see RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM for discussion of frequency accuracy

** NETHERLANDS ANTILLES [non]. NACIERON DOS PAÑSES EN EL MUNDO
Por: EFE

Los mapamundis quedaron obsoletos en la medianoche del domingo con el nacimiento de dos nuevos países en el Caribe. Las islas de CuraÁao y San Martìn, con 190.000 y 50.000 habitantes respectivamente, dejaron de pertenecer a las ahora disueltas Antillas Holandesas, para constituirse en Estados semiautÚnomos del Reino de Holanda.

Por otro lado, las tres islas menores que tambiÈn formaban parte del extinto paÌs y que en su conjunto suman menos de 20.000 habitantes, Bonaire, Saba y San Eustaquio, pasaron a ser municipios holandeses, y por tanto pertenecientes a la UniÛn Europea.

Fuente: Nacieron dos paÌses en el mundo <http://bit.ly/aoRV45>

Willemstad, CuraÁao (AFP ©Lex Van Leishout) En 180.com de Uruguay. "CuraÁao y San Martìn se suman así a Aruba, que en 1986 ya habÌa alcanzado el estatus de paÌs." Fuente: <http://bit.ly/9bRWLe>

Costa Rica Hoy.

ØDe quÈ se trata esta decisiÛn polÌtica? Estas Islas que les menciono, 54 aÒos atr.s ya pertenecían a Holanda junto con Suriname e Indonesia, no tenían dominio propio. Hace 54 aÒos El Reino HolandÈs decidiÛ darles cierta autonomÌa, y estos territorios juntos formaron las Antillas Holandesas, lideradas polÌticamente por dos gobiernos: uno central con sede en Willemstad (Curacao) y un gobierno insular en cada Isla. Algunos aÒos despuÈs Suriname e Indonesia optaron por independizarse completamente de Holanda, y las Antillas Holandesas quedaron integradas por Aruba, Bonaire y Curacao (Islas ABC) y San Martìn, Saba y San Eustaquio (Isla Ariba). ABC tambiÈn se conocen como parte de las Islas de Sotavento e iIsla Ariba como parte de las Islas de Barlovento.

Fuente: Adios a las Antillas Holandesas <http://bit.ly/dlf3RS>
(both via Yimber GavirÌa, Colombia, DXLD)

** NEWFOUNDLAND. 590, VOCM with a new slogan "Voice of the Common Man" during the Paddy Daly Show at 0023 UT. This show ends at 0030 and at 0036 they say "VOCM presents Flashback across all stations of the VOCM CFCB radio network". Has anyone found the local programme schedule for individual VOCM stations? Apparently Daly has been presenting

Nightline on VOCM since August 30th but no mention on vocom.com where there is no programme schedule, or indeed any reference to 590 kHz - you'd hardly realise that this website was that of a radio station.

What can I hear? no answer

When can I hear it? no answer

How do I tune in? no answer.

73s (Steve Whitt, UK, Oct 9, MWCircle yg via DXLD)

New? What slogan did old VOCM originally use? (gh, DXLD)

** NEWFOUNDLAND. Application of CJYQ-930 St. John's NL to reduce night power approved by CRTC

The application of CJYQ-930 St. John's Newfoundland to decrease night power from 25 kW to 3.5 kW, to go non directional, and to change the transmitter site has been approved by the CRTC. I suppose that this is not good news for their listeners in Europe:)

<<http://www.crtc.gc.ca/eng/archive/2010/2010-755.htm>>

CJYQ St. John's ñ Technical change

1. The Commission approves the application by Newcap Inc. (Newcap) relating to the English-language commercial AM radio programming undertaking CJYQ St. John's to change the authorized contours of its transmitter by decreasing the night time transmitter power from 25,000 watts to 3,500 watts, changing the antenna radiation pattern from directional to non-directional, and changing the antenna site. The daytime transmitter power will remain unchanged at 25,000 watts. The Commission did not receive any interventions in connection with this application.

2. Newcap stated that the current antenna site, approved in CJYQ St. John's ñ Technical change, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2009-253, 7 May 2009, is unusable as local weather conditions have resulted in the deterioration of the antenna.

73, (Deane McIntyre VE6BPO, Oct 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Is there any indication saying why CJYQ St. John's NF wants to reduce night time power and change transmitter location? Could it be a local reception problem? In any case that move will result in the loss of a few night time listeners and produce a closer drop in of a 50 kW 930 in another city with almost the same name ó Saint John NB. That could be a bit confusing for people hearing two signals mentioning what sounds almost the same. But that's just a hypothesis at this time (Bill in BC Kral, IRCA via DXLD)

They are going from directional to non directional at night, hence the need to reduce power. They can't run 25 KW Non directional at night and still protect the other stations. They probably sold the land or lost the lease and have to move (Paul B Walker, IL, *ibid.*)

They owned the old transmitter site, but it's been heavily vandalized and the towers and ground system have been corroded beyond usability by the ocean air. Newcap tried to move CJYQ to the former site of CHVO 560 in Carbonear, west of St. John's, but found that site unusable as well, hence the present application to diplex on what (if memory serves) is the VOCM 590 site (Scott Fybush, *ibid.*)

** NEW ZEALAND. Re: Comment on iRNZI funding frozen for 2010/2011i
(May 21, 2010)

1. #1 Art Witmans on Oct 13th, 2010 at 20:32

It is becoming difficult to listen to RNZ using RadioTime on my ipod lately, so I contacted RadioTime and Kyle from RadioTime wrote back:

Hello, Unfortunately the station's internet stream is not working now for anyone. You can try later, try contacting the broadcaster with their link below, or try another station. Kyle RadioTime

Hopefully this not a result from funding problems? (Media Network blog comment via DXLD)

** NEW ZEALAND. QSL: RNZI, 9655, f/d rugby radio card in 37 days for English airmail report and US \$5 return postage. They also send a lot of stickers and a very kind thank-you note. Best 73, (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire/Randomwire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA. 6025, R. Nigeria, Enugu, English, 10/10 2212. OM/YL: talk sobre Nigeria, Namibia, m'sica instrumental, 34443. Rx: Sangean ATS 909, ant.: Loop blindada + amplif RF OC VS (Rudolf Grimm, S,,o Bernardo SP, <http://radioways.blogspot.com> DX Clube do Brasil <http://www.ondascurtas.com> radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** NIGERIA. 7350, again very weak signal in the clear, Oct 8 at 0559 with music, announcement, presumed R. Nigeria, Abuja, as IDed from Niger State, Nigeria by WORLD OF RADIO listener James MacDonell:

``7350, 6 October at 0629, Radio Nigeria Abuja, with Radio Nigeria Network News. 0700, ID as "The Voice of Unity", followed by scheduled programme in Pidgin English. 0730, show from the network service, "Consumer Speaks". 0800, programmes in Hausa``.

7350, Oct 9 at 0559, JBA carrier from presumed R. Nigeria, Abuja;

wonder if this will ever rise to audibility over here. Shame to have such a nice clear frequency, with pitiful peanut power. Is anyone in Europe hearing it in the evenings? But then it would collide with Russia, Moldova, Iran, China, East Turkistan. Maybe there are some gaps when it could be detected (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Patrick from Austria heard Nigeria this morning Oct 9th on new 7350:

Radio Nigeria at 0600 UTC on 7350 kHz in Englisch ID and Nx. 24332

So seemingly V of Nigeria new Abuja site, finished by Thomson engineers already in November 2009, will now start regular broadcasts, - seemingly - after 11 months?

Older Abuja site on 7275 kHz, refurbished by Thomson engineers too, heard also two weeks ago in our morning, - we had an item on DX scene already. vy 73 de (Wolfy B.schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

If 7350 is the new Abuja site, why isn't it an overpoweringly strong signal? (gh, DXLD)

[and non]. 7350, I'm wondering if this new frequency for R. Nigeria, Abuja, weakly audible here from 0600, is also on the air in the evenings? No sign of it on a few chex after 2235 UT Oct 9, and by 2358 the frequency had Chinese on it, which is CRI English via EAST TURKISTAN from 2300. Unfortunately, unlike the mornings, there are several other major broadcasters scheduled on 7350 in the evenings; but it might be free after 2030 if Moldova's registration at 2000-2200 is wooden; and surely between 2200 and 2300. A Nigerian would not likely be on later than 2300 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Our correspondent in Nigeria has already answered this question:

Glenn, Since first hearing Radio Nigeria Abuja on new 7350, I've noticed the station absent in the afternoons and evenings and was even wondering if they are using a different frequency at those times. However, it turns out the announced schedule is only from 0530 until 1200 daily. They seem to be on continuously between those hours, rather than dropping off the air from time-to-time when the local power supply goes out.

7350, Sat 9 October at 0552, only a test tone, 0555 National Anthem and National Pledge followed by identification (frequency announced as old 7275) and promotions, then into Network News at 0600. Tune-in at 1150, Hausa programme, ended at 1155 followed by ID and music, 1157 Islamic call to prayer, 1159 closedown announcement and transmitter off at 1200. Reception mostly strong but a little weak at sign-on suggesting that the transmitter power is probably not very high (James

MacDonell (Niger State, Nigeria), Oct 9, WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re question in my previous report whether 7350 is on the air in evenings: WORLD OF RADIO monitor James MacDonell in Nigeria says R. Nigeria, Abuja is only at 0530-1200*; tones until 0555 NA (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7350, Nothing heard here of R Nigeria Abuja this morning, at least on my post. But 7350 kHz is covered by speedy RTTY signal on approx. 7348.11 kHz and around, S=7-8 level, ITU F1B telegraphy mode at 0627 UT Oct 10. 73 (Wolfgang Bischel, Germany, Oct 10, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I also heard the RTTY signal near 7350 today - Sunday - and there was a signal on 7350, but very weak today. 73 from (Noel Green, NW England, Oct 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7350 kHz - Radio Nigeria Abuja. I can hear 7350 kHz almost every morning around 0615/0630 UT, but always at a weak strength which means that I cannot copy only an occasional word of the transmission due to local noise levels.

But via remote receiver, Mauno heard the ID clearly as I wrote. It was not the external service but the internal - National - one, so we assumed it to be via the Abuja transmitter that had been using 7275 kHz. That's the old refurbished unit I understand, and on the old site. Do you know what type of antenna is being used?

When the new transmitters finally come on air I think we will hear them with a much louder signal via their beamed antennas. The external service is of course 'Voice of Nigeria' and not Radio Nigeria. (Noel Green-UK, to wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 9/10 via DXLD)

Site for the 7275 transmitter was Gwagwalarda (BC-DX via DXLD)

[and non]. 7350, Oct 12 at 0543, tone test, no doubt from R. Nigeria, Abuja prior to sign-on. Much weaker than DentroCuban jamming overrun pulsing on 7365 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi everyone, 0645 UT 13/10/10. After many weeks of monitoring 7350, Radio Nigeria National Service peaked up. Still searching tape for a positive ID. Will post when (if) I find. Meanwhile here is a snippet <http://www.box.net/shared/irhvgu4m1s> (Mark Davies, Anglesey, UK, Oct 13, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thanks Mark for sharing this very fine recording. Very clear! (Ron Howard, CA, ibid.) Spoken like a true DXer (gh)

** OKLAHOMA. 1120, KEOR, which had been fairly reliable lately, again noted with open carrier only on caradio twice during the 20-21 UT hour Oct 7. When noise level was least, I thought I could detect some music, possibly barely modulated. Next check at 2304, KEOR came right on with an ID as ``Sperry-Tulsa'', R&B music, but now a fast heavy SAH, maybe 15 Hz, from KMOX. Next2 check at 2326, KMOX is heard, still with the SAH, but no other modulation, so KEOR is back to OC. How in the world do they expect to build and retain an audience with intermittent modulation? (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 1580, KOKB, Blackwell, has been modulating whenever checked in the past week, altho may have missed trying it over the weekend when it had been more likely to go for hours/days with dead air. Also seems the modulation is less distorted now (Glenn Hauser, Enid, Oct 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

1580, checked KOKB Blackwell Saturday Oct 9 at 1347, and it's nominal with local sports talk during the hour when, tnx to KOKB open carrier, we used to hear the mystery Spanish sports show which turned out to be KHGG Fort Smith AR. With KOKB applying modulation, no chance of hearing that any more, tsk. We got that while the getting was good, i.e. all summer.

Compared to sister station KOKP 1020 Perry OK, and found 1580 about one second behind, instead of a much longer delay, so suspect they are now using satellite rather than internet feed from Stillwater studio, and modulation quality has also improved to normal (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 1610, NWS Enid relay again audible, Oct 8 at 2200 UT, JBA on caradio in Enid, so the Great Salt Plains TIS (Jet/Cherokee OK), WQCL720, is back in biz after radiating loud noise blob for a few weeks.

1610, WQCL720, TIS at Great Salt Plains State Park, Oct 11 at 2055 UT relaying NWS originating in Norman via WXL48, 162.475 MHz, Enid (really Drummond site). This was at one particular mobile location in western Enid, and no noise on the frequency; yet a few minutes earlier at an adjacent store, I was hearing only noise. And a sesquihour earlier at another spot, 1928 UT, 1610 had a mixture of some talk and noise carrier making a 42/minute SAH = 0.7 Hz. So the noise source is either intermittent or quite localized, but separate from WQCL720, rather than coming from it (I think). Could be a stray talking house transmitter.

Meanwhile, 1670, the prime talking house frequency in Enid, tnx to realtor Greg Winkeljohn, is coming thru more clearly with message from

one particular house as I drive around western Enid, the one at 1317 Cansler, e.g. at 1929 and 2056 UT Oct 11. Perhaps he has turned off at least one of the others putting out all the hash on 1670. See original detailed report in DXLD 10-26 from late June; 1317 Cansler still hasn't sold (or forgot to turn off that TH; the same transmitter could even have been moved somewhere else with outdated message radiating, as happened with another of his units.) 1670 TH also audible on home rig at 1321 Oct 12 until a local noise source hits (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAKISTAN. 11510, R. Pakistan, Sep 30 1158-1213, 35433, Chinese, IS, Koran, Opening announce, Koran and talk, // 9670 kHz.

11580, R. Pakistan, Oct 01 0042-0052 35333-25332 Urdu, Music, 0044 IS, Opening announce, Koran, // 15490 (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, Japan Premium Oct 9 via DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA [and non]. No time spent on MW since LF reception was exceptional today, but noted 1725 kHz, GA, Papua New Guinea beacon still on -- not heard in some time. I think 1737, KUT is gone, not heard for a year or so now. (GA heard 1354 UT.)

Guam, two Indonesian beacons, East Timor beacon and a bunch of south and western Pacifics all heard this morning.) 73, (Steve, NE Oregon, Ratzlaff, Oct 12, IRCA via WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DXLD)

After thinking MW PNG beacon 1737 KUT was off, heard it this morning, probably over a year since last heard. 1725 GA also heard, 1320 UT (Steve, NE Oregon, Ratzlaff, R75, longwires, Oct 13, IRCA via DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3385, Oct 12 at 1209 YL in English(?), SSOB besides WWRB, which is not saying much, better than 3325 Palangkaraya for a change. I.e. R. East New Britain, Rabaul, gone at next check 1239, presumably having cut off as usual around 1227 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 5960, R. Fly, Sep 30 0853-0904, 33433-32432, English, Music and news, ID at 0900 (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, Japan Premium Oct 9 via DXLD)

5960, Radio Fly (presumed), 1311-1411, Oct 12. Back in late Sept both John Wilkins (Colorado) and I noticed their absence here and on 3915. Today clearly heard with non-stop pop songs in English (iMacarena, instrumental version of iIf You Leave Me Now, etc.); poor with the usual adjacent QRM and very light QRM from China also on frequency; nothing on 3915, could not even detect an open carrier there. Nice to have them back! (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4746.954, Huanta Dos Mil, 1047, Spanish, very good with mensajes by a woman, into huaynos at 1049. 29 September.

4824.47, LV de la Selva, 1108, Spanish, noted in passing with huaynos. In the clear with no sign of Sicuani high side. 29 September.

4935.95, R. San Antonio, 0942, Spanish, surprised to hear this prior to 1000. Fair with talk by a man and ballads. 29 September.

4954.996, R. Cultural Amauta, 1056, noted with huaynos, talk by a man at 1058, then more music past 1100. 29 September.

4974.88, R. Pacífico, 0953, Spanish, good with announcements by a man and references to "Lima." 29 September.

5039.226, R. Libertad, 1116, Spanish, talk by a man, local time check, very good despite CODAR. 29 September.

6019.27, R. Victoria, 0750, Spanish, low-key sermon by a man, then comments by a second man at 0757. Fair to good. 6 October (David Sharp, NSW Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF-SW7600GR, Timewave 599zx, MW-550P, etc., dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6020, R. Victoria, Lima. October 01, 0829-0839 male in Spanish outside talking about Ecuador's coup tentative ien lo momento, los n'meros de la policía..las personas feridas..Rafael Corría..en el palcioí; 24322. October 02 0820-0830 sports news by male idesportes.. en San Fernando el atacante..la seleciÛn del pÛlo enfrenta la Rep'blica Dominicanaí, general news iBanco Central comprÛ 4 millones de Dollares del mercado cambi.rioí, ads iservicios computadorizados en colorí, canned ID by male on 5th Symphony idesde Lima..R. VictÚriaí. 35322 (L'cio Ot.vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - Dipole 18m, 32m; Longwire 22m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4789.96, R. VisiÛn, Chiclayo (Presumed) (approx. on this frequency), 10/10, 0230-0238. M unclear talk & possible song; heard in SSB with NIR 12 & strong QRN crackles; very poor (Giovanni Serra, Roma, Italy, JRC NRD 525; Alpha Delta DX-SWL Sloper-S; RG 8 mini coaxial cable; JPS NIR 12 Noise & Interference Reducer-Dual DSP outboard audio filter; Intek PS-35 5 ampere feeder; JRC - NVA 319 external loudspeaker unit; Yaesu YH-77 STA stereo headphones; Zoom Corp. H2 handy digital recorder MP3 & WAV files; Oregon Scientific radio controlled clock; Interkart framed wall board political world map (1: 46,400,000); the DX Edge-Xantek Inc. (daylight-darkness desk world map), NASWA Flashsheet Oct 10 via DXLD)

4789.92, R. VisiÛn, 0252-0303 Oct 9. Announcements about upcoming

religious event(s) in Chiclayo; UT -5 time checks; quick ID at 0259 by gal, then into religious talk by Pastor Francisco CÚrdova Rodríguez. Fair at best, with CODAR accompaniment (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 25-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

4789.84, Radio VisiÛn, 1050-1100 Oct 12, Signals on the lower bands are beginning to disappear for the day as Radio VisiÛn presents a male in Spanish Language comments. Signal was poor (Chuck Bolland, Clewiston FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Has this one been off for a while? Used to be a regular here, but unheard in quite some time, or is it just no longer 24h? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 5921.26, Radio Bethel, (Presumed). 1023-1035 Oct 10, Noted a male in Spanish language talk which sounds like a soccer game. At 1026 canned ads or promos briefly, then ordinary music is presented. The soccer game entry above may have been just a recording of an earlier game from Sunday that was being heard. This signal began to get beat up by conditions at 1034 and resulted in it becoming threshold. Can't find this station listed anywhere, so this may be a harmonic or something? However, I seem to recall Radio Bethel being heard recently.

5921.26, Radio Bethel, 1030-1045 Oct 12, At tune in noted just music from a signal that was at a poor level. At 1035 heard a female in Spanish language comments then back to music. Signal at this point was threshold and starting to fade into the noise (Chuck Bolland, Clewiston FL, WR-G31DDC, 26.37N 081.05W, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 3329.61, Ondas del Huallaga, Hu·nuco 0945 strong with om and traditional rustic music, CHU notched 10 October. [Wilkner]

4790, Radio VisiÛn Chiclayo with religious programming 0945, 10 Oct.

4950, Radio Madre de Dios presumed signing on 1030 with poor/fair signal 10 October.

5039.25, Radio Libertad, JunÌn, 1055 to 1115 on 8 October, Cuba interference in Florida. Medium Wave Cubans block dx!

5120.50, Ondas del Suroriental, Quillabamba 1030 music chorale with UTE on top, 11 October.

5460.27, Radio Bolívar, Cd. Bolívar, 0030 to 0040 noted on 4 October.

6173.9, Radio Tawantinsuyo, Cusco noted weak signal 1050-1100 on October 11th; 0142 on 4 October as well rlw (Robert Wilkner, 746Pro

modified ~ 535D Gilfer modified, Pompano Beach, Florida, US, Oct 12,
DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES. Some changes of R. Veritas Asia effective from Oct 1:
Khmer, new language, test
0130-0157 on 11850 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SEAs
1000-1027 on 15280 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SEAs

Chin, new language, test
1430-1457 on 9520 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SEAs
1430-1457 on 9620 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SEAs, co-ch AIR in Sindhi

Russian, retimed
0200-0257 on 17830 PUG 250 kW / 000 deg to FE, ex 0130-0227
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Oct 13 via DXLD)

** PHILIPPINES [and non]. 9650, CRI English via CANADA, Oct 8 at 1335
still has same low het and CCI which normally stops at 1330 when IBB
Tinang finishes secret RNW relay at 1327 in English, or lately,
Indonesian. Since nothing else is scheduled, suspect this transmitter
stayed on the air even later, vs off-frequency Sackville. CRI
chatterboxes were talking about hypnotherapy. Their opinions really
matter to a worldwide audience (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** POLAND [non]. 11675, tuned in just in time Oct 8 at 1257 to hear
PRES closing English broadcast, via AUSTRIA. Good but with fading; the
rest of Oct may be our best chance for this with fall conditions,
until in B-10 per Wolfgang B.schel, this is supposed to move to 9460
as well as shift an hour later to 13-14 UT.

DXLD reporters Gilles Letourneau in Quebec and Will F. in Pennsylvania
say the only other English from Poland has been heard surprisingly
well at 1700 on 9770, also 300 degrees via Austria (Glenn Hauser, OK,
DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PORTUGAL. 15560, Oct 9 at 1334 song in English but instrumental
accompaniment too loud to make out the words; 1335 seguÈ to rock song
in Portuguese, words also drowned by non-acoustic instruments. This
RDPI frequency to NAm is on the air at this hour only on weekends, VG
signal (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PORTUGAL [and non?]. 7325, Oct 9 at 0605 DW news in English, ID,
into Newslink; heavy flutter and a quick echo. Another anomaly from
them. This is listed as Sines site, in use by DW only at 0600-0630,
nowhere else on this frequency from any other site, so inadvertent
overlap unseems explication. 250 kW, 180 degrees.

The echo quick enough to be short/long path, but unlikely now as would

have to cross the dayside. Also, no other 40m signals had such a flutter, which could have instead been a subaudible heterodyne by two DW transmitters (both at Sines, or one somewhere else) nevertheless carrying the same feed by different routing on slightly different frequencies (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PRIDNESTROVYE. [Cf WESTERN SAHARA [non], 6248.295]: {MOLDOVA} Latter STANAG signal hit also R. PMR (PRIDNESTROVYE) from Tiraspol in 18-19 UT range. Severe microphone bassy signal quality, via Grigoriopol Moldova transmitter on 6240.00 kHz, French news by lady announcer at 1800 UT, Oct 11. 73 wb (Wolfgang B, schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. Mayak Spurs (Krasny Bor) --- Just downloaded an SDR file from SM2GHI in North Sweden and it seems Krasny Bor on 1494 is radiating fm spurs +/- 46 kHz. Noted at 1400 UT 08/10/2010 on 1403, 1540 & 1586 kHz with IS (Tim Bucknall, UK, Oct 10, harmonics yg via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. 5900, checked Oct 9 at 2256 and later, no sign of V. of Russia, English to North America, apparently gone since the end of September, but is there a replacement as yet unfound? Predictably, their sked at http://english.ruvr.ru/radio_broadcast/schedule/ still shows 5900 at 22-02. But it also fails to show 9665 at 23-02 which has really been on for several weeks. What do they know back in Moscow? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. 5930, Radio Rossii Monchegorsk, reklama program in Russian at 0407 UT Oct 5. Surprisingly S=9+10dB level. 4-5 UT is the best time slot here in Germany to listen to the domestic Rossii stations in Northern part of Russia, like Murmansk and Yakutsk. ... and even Belarus stations too (Wolfgang B, schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 5 via DXLD)

5930, R Rossii, Murmansk Monchegorsk missed this morning, rather very weak under threshold. 73 wb (Wolfgang B, schel, Oct 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST) No time

Yakutsk, 100 kW 7230 or 7345 kHz? 7230 kHz seems to be regular now in the mornings, but 7200 kHz seems to be absent, more or less. 6160 kHz Arkhangelsk also seems to be back to its former self. I am also having a weak and fluttery carrier on 7320 and 5940 kHz (Olle Alm, Sweden, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 7 via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. Test transmissions of KRPC from Armavir/Krasnodar in DRM to WeEu on 6050 kHz in various languages. Transmissions are not broadcast every day and are of varying lengths between 0400-1600 UT. (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Oct 13 via DXLD) What's KRPC?

** RUSSIA. 14188-USB, UA9BA, Villy, 1255, 10/10/2010. Russian ham located in Chelyabinsk (east of Ural Mtns.), Asiatic Russia. Fair signal working K1UA on Cape Cod (Jerry Strawman, Des Moines, IA. Equipment: Perseus SDR, Wellbrook 330S, 1 meter loop, Oct 10, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAINT HELENA [non]. 9770, the RMRC special in German substituting for a real R. Saint Helena Day, on 9770 at 1530-1630 Oct 9 only: inaudible here at 1610 check, but not surprisingly.

English for NAm will be at 2230-2330 on 6130, both via LITHUANIA. The latter time looks to be a clear frequency, so we have only propagation to contend with. Should be less of a challenge than 11092.5 would have been (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See LITHUANIA for rest

** SAINT HELENA. Amigos, 11092.5 KHz - LSB, r·dio SANTA HELENA?????? ??? - 2300 hs (hor·rio de BSB [?]), SINPO 11111 e com a oscilaÁ,o no SIGNAL STRENGTH abaixo;

- 1) - WIDE = Entre 9 e 10
- 2) - WIDE + SYNC + UPPER = Entre 8 e 9
- 3) - NARROW = Entre 7 e 8
- 4) - NARROW + SYNC + UPPER = Entre 7 e 8.

Utilizei o r·dio SONY ICF SW 2001D com a antena telescópica. AtÉ mais (Dirney Martins, Oct 10, radioescutas yg via DXLD) Ahem

** SAINT HELENA [non]. Although we are all disappointed that Radio St. Helena had to cancel its annual Radio St. Helena Day broadcast on 11,092.5 kHz, I have been informed that there will be a substitute transmission one week later from Pirate Radio St. Helena.

The faux Radio St. Helena plans to operate on the familiar 11092.5 kHz at 2300 UT on Saturday, October 16th. You can contact the station during its program by using the following e-mail address: piratesainthelena @ gmail.com The station is busy building a special dipole antenna designed for just this transmission so reception should be good provided propagation cooperates.

The faux Radio St. Helena is preparing its own special QSL for the occasion. All correct reports will be verified with a special Radio St. Helena Day electronic attachment. Send your report to: piratesainthelena @ gmail.com Good luck! (Rich D'Angelo, Wyomissing PA 19610, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B, Eton E1, Eton E5, Alpha Delta DX Sloper, RF Systems Mini-Windom, Datong FL3, JPS ANC-4, NASWA Flashesheet Oct 10 via WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DXLD)

Details [of this and other specials] at <http://www.dxtests.info>
73, (Brandon Jordan, Memphis, TN, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SIERRA LEONE [non]. UK, 15220, Cotton Tree News via Rampisham, Oct 01 0745-0800*, 35333, English and vernacular, news, theme music and ID at 0746. Also Oct 06 0736-0800*, 34333, English and vernacular, theme music and ID at 0737, News, 0800 sign off. Also Oct 07 0734-0743, 33232, English, news, theme music and ID at 0738 (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, Japan Premium Oct 9 via DXLD)

** SIKKIM. Last Monday (11.10.2010) nice MW propagation was observed in between 1530-1630 UT. [including]

1404 kHz - 1559 UTC - AIR Gangtok - End of discussion in English about vote of confidence in Karnataka Assembly. Signed off at 1600 UT. Then song in unidentified language. Faded out by 1604. Receiver - ICOM IC R75, Antenna - 15 mtr. longwire (Swapan Chakraborty, Kolkata, INDIA, Oct 13, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SIKKIM. New 4837.22, *2229-2320 INDIA, 06.10, AIR Gangtok in Sanskrit, open carrier was on at 2220, AIR IS started at 2227, local opening announcement, 2230-2320 "Mahalaya" special programme with vocal singers and mixed choir. Sanskrit recitations by a male were heard with music in the background at 2244, 2247, 2300, 2310 and 2316. At 2300 the recitation was introduced by five blows in alp horn. 35333. "Mahalaya" broadcast only once a year! Best 73, (Anker Petersen, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire here in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD) More under INDIA

** SINGAPORE. 6676 USB, 9 OCT, 1624 UT, Singapore VOLMET with synthesized male voice reading weather conditions for Malaysia and Singapore. Good quality signals and no QRM. 73 (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 200m Longwire/Randomwire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOMALIA [non]. UAE, 9840, R. Horyaal via Dhabbya, Oct 02 *1730-1746, 32332-33333 Somali, 1730 sign on with Somali music, Talk, ID at 1745 (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, Japan Premium Oct 9 via DXLD)

** SOMALIA [non] 15750, R. Bar-Kulan via Dhabbya, UAE, Oct 07 0510-0520 35432 Somali, talk and Somali pops, ID at 0514.

SOUTH AFRICA, 9930. R. Bar-Kulan via Meyerton, Oct 05, 1614-1626, 45444, Somali, talk and Somali pops, SJ at 1614 (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, Japan Premium Oct 9 via DXLD)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. Two Stations on Same Frequency? Don't Think So
<http://boards.radio-info.com.smf/index.php?topic=177237.msg1541640#msg1541640>

(via Artie Bigley, OH, Oct 13, DXLD) Viz.:

It's 5:40 AM ET Oct 13, 2010. Here I am in North Georgia waking up to Clear Channel's 50,000 watt blowtorch 1530/WCKY broadcasting ESPN and Brother Stair at the same time.

So, I get out of bed and call up CKY's website and hit "Listen Live" to make sure - same thing; expensive sports contracts mixed with the failure of the Federal Reserve as a result of God's judgment. Cheesy

This is not the first time it's happened. They did this...

Woah! It's 5:52AM, and Clear Channel's 50,000 watt blowtorch 1530/WCKY has just dropped Brother Stair and aired a LIVE (I think) traffic report (trusty, radio-info.com smf board via DXLD)

Sounds like no one minds the store until around 6 AM. Grin
(Alans613,ibid.)

When I used to listen to Bob Costas on Saturday mornings on 1530, the network feed would always, ALWAYS, run underneath the show until I called WLW and told Gary Jeff's producer about it. Computers work great until they don't (DJJack1, ibid.)

Maybe they were bringing back AM stereo, sports on the left channel, Stair on the right. (gr8oldie, ibid.)

You had to have something bouncing on top of 1530. Maybe they are brokering out the skywave to Stair. He loves those "25 state" stations. Mistakenly, they had the automation picking up two satellite feeds. He is a bottom feeder, price wise. I cannot imagine 1530 selling the time cheap enough to satisfy Stair's frugality. Was the show identified as "The Overcomer Broadcast"? Yes, he was in some trouble but I don't remember any jail time (jry, ibid.)

From Wikipedia http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brother_Stair

In 2002, Stair, then aged 68, was arrested in Walterboro on two counts of criminal sexual conduct in the second degree.[8] Two women associated with the compound, ages 18 and 20, alleged he coerced them by "enforcing his religious/personal beliefs" on them.[8] In 2004, Stair pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of assault and battery by fondling the two former residents, and was sentenced to time served, a total of 77 days in custody.[6][8] During his incarceration, recorded programs continued to be broadcast.[4] Stair's conviction caused division in the community, and about 40 members of the community left.[6] One refugee began his own shortwave program having left the community (via microbob, ibid.)

** SRI LANKA. Today morning (14 Oct 2010) I followed TWR, Puttalam, Sri Lanka sign off on 882 kHz at 0130 UTC and then tuned to 873 kHz. Within a minute the carrier appeared and Family Radio program in Tamil started. Thanks to the tip by Mr. C. K. Raman who heard them at 0230 in Malayalam at 0400 in English. Tamil & Malayalam are languages used in South India which is just North of Sri Lanka. I searched in the WYFR website but could not get any info on this new transmission (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad, India, <http://www.niar.org> dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SRI LANKA. 7189.764, SLBC, 1211, presumed with talk by a man in Tamil (or similar). Weak signal and low audio. Not heard every day. 3 October (David Sharp, NSW Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF-SW7600GR, Timewave 599zx, MW-550P, etc., dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN [non]. via Slovakia, 9740, Radio Miraya via IRRS, 0400-0430, Oct 8, tune-in to Arabic talk. English news at 0403-0412. iRadio Miraya IDs. A mix of Arabic and English after 0413 with iGood Morning Sudan announcements. Local music. Reception varied from poor to good with occasional noise and some adjacent channel splatter. (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** SUDAN [non]. 13620, Oct 12 at 0517, bit of English voiced-over into Arabish, S9+12, weaker than neighbor Australia 13630. 13620 is R. Dabanga, via Madagascar at 0430-0527, ex-13600 per DX Mix News, Bulgaria, and // 13730 via UAE, which was inaudible here (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

13730, R. Dabanga via Dhabbaya Oct 06 0521-0527*, 35433, vernacular, talk, IS and SJ and ID at 0526, 0527 sign off. Also Oct 07 0520-0527*, 43433, Arabic, talk, ID at 0520, IS and SJ and ID at 0526, 0527 sign off (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, Japan Premium Oct 9 via DXLD)

** SUDAN [non]. 13720, Sudan R. Service via Dhabbaya, UAE, Oct 07 0500-0510, 35333 Arabic, drums, Talk, ID at 0508 (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, Japan Premium Oct 9 via DXLD)

** SURINAME. 4989.99, R. Apintie, 1051, threshold with Dutch conversation between a man and woman, readable despite distant t-storm QRN. 28 September (David Sharp, NSW Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF-SW7600GR, Timewave 599zx, MW-550P, etc., dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWEDEN. DX:er Johan Berglund - SK --- The DX:er JohanDX, Johan Berglund in west Sweden or known as "Juan Vargas" passed away the 16th September after a time of illness. He injured himself by an accident

at home for a couple of years ago and lived his last years at a rehabilitation center in his home town. Rest in peace! News via Torleif SM6YOR (Christian St^dberg, sm6vpu, Oct 8, HCDX via WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DXLD) obit

** SWEDEN [non non]. Radio Sweden --- I'm hoping this isn't off-topic, but I haven't seen this discussed much with the upcoming closure of all shortwave transmissions from Sweden. As a veteran DXer only recently returning to the hobby after a long hiatus, I'm wondering what is the best way to hear them direct in central North America in the remaining days that we have? Equipment used here is a Kaito (Degen) 1103 using the built-in whip only, in a noisy urban environment. Thanks, (Earl Higgins, Saint Louis, Oct 12, ABDX via DXLD)

You should be able to hear them on 6010 at 8:30 pm and again at 9:30 pm Central Time via their Sackville relay (Jerry Lenamon, TX, *ibid.*)

Thanks, Jerry. I should have clarified, I meant direct from a transmitter in the country of Sweden, so one who is counting "DX Countries" heard/verified could add this one to their totals, as this will be the last chance anyone knows of to hear SWBC signals from within Sweden itself (Earl Higgins, St. Louis, USA, *ibid.*)

As I have reported recently, 15735 direct with English at 1330 is often audible, but not every morning (gh, *ibid.*)

** SWITZERLAND. I could use some help locating the current mailing address of HEB Berne Radio in Switzerland (ute station). My report was returned as undeliverable from address Riedernstrasse 146, CH-3027 Berne. Help, anyone? Best 73, (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire/Randomwire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

My QSL from 2009 shows the same address but their letter gives also following:

Swisscom Broadcast AG
Bernradio
Ostermundigenstrasse 99
CH-3006 Bern
Switzerland

Maybe better to check the current address from John Schrempft, e-mail schrempft at bernradio.ch 73 (Jari Savolainen, Finland, HCDX via DXLD)

Thanks to all who have helped me with the HEB QSL issue. I have gotten several snail mail and email addresses and I will definitely email them to determine which snail mail address is correct. Best 73s, (Al

Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, Oct 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN. Overlooked checking for the 10/10 special from RTI preempting English via WYFR 5950 and 9680 at 0200; however, at 0525, speech in Chinese with PA reverb on 5950, so this English hour is also pre-empted (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Kuomingdong 10/10 --- Glenn, my wife and I were walking down the street in gastown Vancouver, BC when I saw a gentlemen walking up the street with a Kuomingdang Army Uniform with a Taiwan Flag. I asked if they had a parade and he said you know it is triple 10 today and there was no parade and I said I know it is National Day for Taiwan and he says I guess no one cares about the party! I thought it a tad strange (Bruce MacGibbon, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN. Sabato 9 ottobre 2010, 1401 - 10500 kHz, SOUND OF HOPE TAIWAN, Mandarino, talk YL e musica melodica cinese. Segnale sufficiente-insufficiente. No // CNR Jammer (Luca Botto Fiora, G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova), Italia, playdx yg via DXLD)

Just an hourtop pause, or did the non-jamming continue after 1405? Jamming here has always been Firedrake, not CNR1, and I have never been able to catch SOH on 10500 (gh, DXLD)

** TAIWAN [non]. Items on the first edition of Media Network Plus October 23rd at 0100 UT are: A look at radio station K103 in Canada. Sheldon Harvey who was hired by the station will be on the show to talk about K103 and his time at the station and how they have lost their way since he left.

The founder of Open Radio North Korea will join us on the show. All this and much more.

Date: Oct 23, 2010

Time: 0100 UT

Frequency: 9955 kHz

Live stream: <http://www.wrmi.net>

Show promo:

http://www.radio4all.net/files/kperron@gmail.com/3101-1-PROMO_MEDIA_NETWORK_PLUS.mp3

Producers/presenter: (Paulette MacQuarrie & Keith Perron, <http://www.pcjmedia.com> Oct 10, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** THAILAND. 7575, VOA, 1246, 10/10/2010. English world news with commentary re: Taliban in Afghanistan. Fair to good signal (Jerry Strawman, Des Moines, IA. Equipment: Perseus SDR, Wellbrook 330S, 1 meter loop, Oct 10, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TIBET. Xizang PBS reactivated --- Some frequencies that stopped from April 28 reactivated from Oct. 9.

Xizang PBS reactivated frequency:

Chinese s/on at 2000 UT on Oct. 9 on 4820 5935 6050 7450 7240 kHz
Tibetan s/on at 2100 UT on Oct. 9 on 4905 4920 5240 6110 6130 6200
7255 7385 kHz

All frequency before April operates in this. de Hiroshi (S. Hasegawa, Japan, NDXC, Oct 10, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[re comments under UNIDENTIFIED:] Hi Glenn, With the reactivation of Xizang PBS, in the future you might indeed be hearing Tibet on 4920. This will be major QRM for AIR Chennai, which up till today (Oct 9) was the strongest AIR that I have been hearing on 60m.

Now to try again to hear the "Holy Tibet" English program via Xizang PBS. Seems that CNR11 (6010 and 7350) dropped the "Holy Tibet" shows a long time ago. So it has been a long dry spell for me without any "Holy Tibet" to enjoy (Ron Howard, CA, Oct 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dear Glenn, 4920.00, Xizang PBS, Lhasa, Tibet, 2335-2345, Oct 09, back on the air after having been off since May 2010, maybe for maintenance. Tibetan talk and music, 45333 heard // 4905, 5240, 6130 and 7385. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, Denmark, Oct 10, WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4905.00, 2240-2300, CHINA, 05.10, Xizang PBS, Lhasa. English programme of Tibetan music and a talk about the up to one meter long Tibetan knives which serve 11 different purposes, Tibetan song, 45444, heard // 6130 and 7385. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire here in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

5240, 11/10 0004, CHINA, Xizang PBS, Lhasa, OM with longo talk em tibetano 45454 MMP. Receptor Icom IC R-75, Antena T2FD, LW 15 metros (Marcio Martins Pontes, Registro - SP, Membro DXCB, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

6200, Xizang PBS via Lhasa, 1530, Oct 10. Thanks to Sei-ichi and Hiroshi for the timely tip about this reactivation! The "Holy Tibet" show with their usual format; starts with distinctive laughing/chant; "This is China Tibet Broadcasting English program, Holy Tibet. Holy Tibet will take you to visit the roof of the world. Holy Tibet is the window into the life of Tibet. If you are interested in Tibet and want to learn more about the land, the people and the culture, please join us at Holy Tibet";

Sanitized news; a spokesman for the Tibetan Autonomous Regional Transportation Department said on October . . . ; items about transportation projects in Tibet and the amount of "renminbi" being spent on them; segment of traditional Tibetan singing; 1548 iTourism of Tibet; followed by more Tibetan singing till program ended at 1600; mostly poor with slow fading downwards; in a month or two this should have fair reception for those of us on the West Coast (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6200, Xizang PBS via Lhasa, 1530-1600, Oct 11. Repeat of the same show heard on Sunday (10/10), but with better reception; iTThis is our daily 30 minute English program, Holy Tibet. Holy Tibet comes to you from every Monday to Saturday, but not true; was clearly heard yesterday; probably the recorded intro is very old and out-of-date (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn: Interesting log this evening on 7240; at 0000 s/on with anthem and talk in Mandarin; continued talk mostly by woman; short music bridge at 0012 and back to talk again mostly by a woman; all with lots of noise but no ham QRM; had to tune out at 0022 but dinner but audio still readable. Aoki and other lists have this as CNR-1 Lhasa, Tibet. Have not seen this reported since the summer; what do you think? First time heard here; often heard when I was in the UK (Jim Ronda, Tulsa OK, UT Oct 11, WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Jim, I have reports that Xizang PBS has just reactivated several frequencies after a few months. 7240 is among them in Hiroshi's list, altho should already be on at 0000 73, (Glenn to Jim, via DXLD)

Thanks Glenn -- as always most helpful. I looked at the sunrise and sunset times for Tulsa and Lhasa and a Greyline reception is certainly possible. I will report this as (Presumed) since I did not hear an ID; please feel free to put this in DXLD if you think it worthy of mention. 73 (Jim Ronda, OK, ibid.)

** TIBET. TIBET QSL CARDS - WHY SO VALUABLE? --- Quite recently, several QSL cards from Tibet were offered for sale on Ebay, and the starting prices were very high, running into several thousand dollars each. This would provoke a question, and we would ask: How come that QSL cards from Tibet can command such a high price?

As we look at a tabulation of high priced QSL cards, we see that the highest known starting price for any QSL card was a staggering \$5,000. Back five years ago, a QSL card from amateur station KL7AM in Fairbanks caught the attention of Ebay buyers. The reason for the high

asking price was that it was the Alaskan callsign for Robert Hisamoto who was the original organizer of the Japan Amateur Radio League in Japan back in the year 1925. However, it should be stated that this QSL card, KL7AM, did not sell on that occasion.

The highest known sale price for any QSL card was for a card from amateur station AC4NC back a few years ago. The given price for this sale was \$3,800, though all of the additional details about this sale have been lost over a period of time. Several additional QSL cards from radio stations in Tibet have been exchanged for figures ranging above the \$2,000 & \$3,000 levels.

Let's take a look at the radio scene in the Asian territory known as Tibet, high up in the mountains north of India. The first radio station in Tibet was established by the Chinese in the city of Lhasa as a Morse Code telegraph station back during the mid 1930s. It was a low powered operation and it was in use for communication back into China. There are no known published loggings of this operation, and of course no known QSLs.

Soon afterwards, the British army in India sent Lieutenant Colonel Sir Evan Nepean up into Tibet to establish a communication radio station. Nepean was the son of a prominent British army family, and the Nepean River and Nepean Point in New South Wales, Australia are named in honor of his grandfather.

Nepean himself was a keen radio man and before he left England for service in the North West Frontier under the British Raj in India, he was licensed under the British callsign G5YN. While stationed in Rawalpindi, he constructed the radio transmitter and receiver for use in Tibet.

The entire entourage was made up of 50 men and 25 pack animals, and they left Rawalpindi in the early summer of the year 1936. En route, some of the electronic equipment was accidentally dropped into a river and it was necessary to call a halt and rebuild much of the radio station electronics. Then, when they arrived in Lhasa, they discovered that the power generator would not operate properly at such a high altitude, and it was necessary to send back to Calcutta for a hand cranked battery charger.

This unique low powered radio station was installed into a tent in the Deyki Lingka Garden at the British mission in Lhasa, and the station was activated for army communications under an Indian callsign, VUQ. This station communicated with British army stations in India that were on the air under callsigns in the VV range.

Back during that era, there was no government radio licensing

authority in Tibet. Thus any one could go on air, and they could choose their own callsign. Sir Evan Nepean used his army radio station, rated at around 50 watts output, also as an amateur station and he adapted his own British callsign, G5YN, for use in Tibet as AC4YN. At least the prefix, AC4, was accurate at that time for use in Tibet.

During the early winter after just 3 months service in Tibet, Nepean was called back to the North West Frontier and another Englishman, Reginald Fox in Calcutta, was called to go up to Tibet. He operated the radio station, VUQ/AC4YN, and he had the QSL cards printed that are so much sought after these days. Fox married a Tibetan girl, and they had four children, 2 girls & 2 boys.

In 1947, the Tibetan government, at the instigation of the young Dalai Lama, hired Reginald Fox to establish a Tibetan government radio station, which he did, under the earlier callsign AC4YN. This shortwave station was inaugurated as Radio Tibet in 1948, again, as a very low powered facility, on 7200 kHz. The radio programming was on the air at 5:00 pm daily and it was made up with one hour of news in Tibetan, Chinese & English.

An American amateur radio operator, Charles Mellen at W1FH in Boston, maintained regular contact with Reginald Fox while he was operating the Radio Tibet equipment as amateur station AC4YN. The news from Tibet was then passed on to the well known American news commentator, Lowell Thomas. Soon afterwards, Thomas & his son were invited to make a visit to Lhasa where they met with Reginald Fox, and also the Dalai Lama, as well as the famous Austrian POW escapee from the internment camp in India, Heinrich Harrer.

In 1951, Radio Tibet, or Radio Lhasa as it was also known, was on the air with news bulletins just three evenings each week, though the low powered signal was heard only in Tibet and nearby areas of India. Just before the Chinese entered Lhasa, Fox fled back to Calcutta in India in March 1951.

Another Englishman, Robert Ford, was appointed in 1948 as a government radio officer by the Dalai Lama, and he was commissioned to establish a communication station at Chamdo, in a country area of Tibet. Ford also used his low powered radio equipment as an amateur radio station under his self-chosen callsign, AC4RF. He did not fare so well, and he was captured by the Chinese in October 1950, and he spent several years in Chinese prisons.

In 1953, after the Chinese had established themselves in Tibet, an Indian amateur, Mr N Chakravarthy of Bombay, went to Tibet and he established an amateur radio station with just 20 watts under the

callsign AC4NC. He was on the air in Lhasa for just a few months.

Thus, during the 20 year period running from the mid 1930s to the mid 1950s, there were five different radio stations on the air in Tibet; 1 Chinese, 1 British, 2 Tibetan operated by Englishmen, and 1 Indian. All five were used for official communications, 4 were also used for amateur communication, 2 were used for the transfer of news information, and 1 was used also as a broadcasting station, Radio Tibet, Radio Lhasa. QSL cards were issued to confirm amateur QSO contacts for all four amateur operations.

So why are these QSL cards from Tibet so valuable today? Maybe it is because of the rarity of these cards, the low powered operation of the stations, the distant isolation of the country, the political events of the time, and the human drama of their operators (Adrian Peterson, IN, AWR Wavescan script for Oct 10 via DXLD)

** TIBET [non]. Sabato 9 ottobre 2010, 1350 - 15543 kHz, VOICE OF TIBET - Yangi Yul (Tagikistan), Mandarino, talk OM. Segnale sufficiente-buono. Firedrake su 15550 (Luca Botto Fiora, G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova), Italia, playdx yg via DXLD)

** TUNISIA. 7335, RTT open carrier started musical modulation at 0557:25 Oct 9, // 7275 for the semi-hour overlap (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TURKEY. 15450, Oct 8 at 1322, VOT did not turn off its transmitter after one or two IS iterations at close of English, but stayed on and on allowing us to hear the full cycle of variations; good, but I feared they would not turn it off in time for next language on another frequency, since at 1327:30 starting inserting IDs in a Turkic language, but off at 1329*. Presumably was Kazakh scheduled for 11880 from 1330.

15450, VOT, Oct 9 at 1301, YL reading reception reports, yawn, so this is confirmed as an on-week for the fortnightly so-called DX Corner. Axually should have listened earlier and closer, as Tibor Szilagyi, EDXC Chairman, said an interview with him would be on today, following the EDXC Conference in Ankara last weekend; anyhow should repeat thru the 0300+ UT Sunday broadcast, and if we are lucky, ondemand for a day or so. Look for the 09.10.2010 broadcast linked at the lower left corner of
<http://www.trt-world.com/trtworld/en/news.aspx>

Yes, the EDXC report starts 12 minutes in, on an expanded DX Corner, to contain interviews with him from before the conference, and another with a DXer from Finland; more interviews to come in subsequent fortnights.

News from the meeting: VOT plans to launch Japanese. Radio Saint Helena Day schedule as if it were happening today! The YL reporter whose name I can never catch, has not heard about the cancellation.

Many other items mentioned, but already in written reports on the conference appearing in two versions in DX Listening Digest 10-40, under TURKEY, and CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES:

<http://www.w4uvh.net/dxld1040.txt>

Music break at :24 to :28 into the hour, and still no interviews, as she starts reading reception reports. One listener complained that she speaks too fast, so said she would be ``more attentive`` from now on. Ends program at :36, but it turns out the interviews are outside DX Corner in the rest of the hour normally filled with music. Tibor is at :37-:46 minutes, the Finn whose name I couldn't catch either, follows, and as I dispatch this report have not yet had time to finish listening to them (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) The Finn is one of only a couple of young DXers in the club, 21 years old

** TURKEY. OUTCRY OVER RAMPANT JAILING OF JOURNALISTS IN TURKEY --- A makeshift memorial to journalist Hrant Dink at the site of his murder in Istanbul in January 2007 --- October 10, 2010 By Robert Tait

It reads like a morality tale emblematic of modern Turkey.

In a rational world, the killing of Hrant Dink -- a prominent Turkish-Armenian journalist and newspaper editor who was shot dead in 2007 -- should have been a wake-up call to democracy advocates in a country supposedly reforming to meet European Union membership standards.

Instead, it has triggered an unfolding saga that illustrates in microcosm the dangers to life and liberty faced by Turkish journalists who dare to probe figures of authority.

Nearly four years after Dink was gunned down in front of witnesses outside his Istanbul office, no one has been convicted of his murder. The trial of 20 defendants has rumbled on inconclusively for three years, with the alleged gunman facing a maximum 20-year jail sentence.

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[\(via DXLD\)](http://www.rferl.org/content/Outcry_Over_Rampant_Jailing_Of_Journalists_In_Turkey/2185995.html)

'Atta' Turk! So, when may we expect a Turkish service of RFE/RL? Already in some Turkic languages, to what extent understandable by dentroTurx? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UGANDA. New 4975.98, 2110-2220 Wed 06.10, UBC R, Kampala, English / vernacular. Another late broadcast with host presenting songs in English, reading romantic poetry and taking phone-in calls in two languages, 44434, RTTY QRM.

4975.98, 0315-0325 08.10, UBC R, Kampala, Vernacular announcement, English pop songs, 35343. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire here in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** UGANDA. 4750, Dunamis Shortwave, 1830, fair with a mix of English religious programs and hilife. Obliterated by sudden China sign-on at 2000. 24 September (David Sharp, NSW Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF-SW7600GR, Timewave 599zx, MW-550P, etc., dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UGANDA [non]. Sabato 25 settembre 2010, *1700 - 15410 kHz, R. Y'ABAGANDA - Issoudun (Francia), Luganda, nxs OM. Segnale sufficientebuono, Solo il sabato (Luca Botto Fiora, SITO RICEVENTE G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova), Italia, Oct 9, playdx yg via DXLD) 1700-1730

Via France, 15410, Radio YíAbadanga Ababaka, 1724-1730*, Oct 9, Swahili talk. Many mentions of Uganda. Abrupt sign off. Good. Sat only (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** U S S R. Re 10-40, Woodpecker: Just search for Duga + radar for much more material on this topic. On the referenced pages see in particular "inside of the hardware system" in the lower half of page 2. This is the former transmitter, apparently at least partly dismantled after the closure.

Some Russian-language pages could be read in such a way that this transmitter was similar to the last generation of Soviet high power shortwave broadcasting equipment, like in use at Krasne (one transmitter, the one used for regular operations) and Grigoriopol (two transmitters, the other ones being upgrades of the original installations from the early/mid seventies). (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Oct 9, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K [and non]. Some changes of VT Communications:
Radio Prague
0000-0027 on 7410 ASC 250 kW / 235 deg to SoAm Spanish, cancelled
1630-1657 on 11700 SIN 250 kW / 040 deg to WeEu German, cancelled

WYFR Family Radio in English:
1200-1300 on 17545 DHA 250 kW / 090 deg to SoAs, new transmission
1800-1900 on 9830 RMP 500 kW / 105 deg to WeAs, ex 1800-2000
2000-2100 on 9510 RMP 500 kW / 160 deg to WCAF, cancelled

Free North Korea Radio in Korean to North Korea, retimed
1200-1400 on 15645 DB 100 kW / 070 deg, ex 1300-1500 on same

Voice of Wilderness in Korean to North Korea, additional from Sep. 3:
1300-1400 on 15500 DB 100 kW / 070 deg // 12130 ERV 300 kW / 065 deg

Upcoming broadcasts of an unknown program or station via VT
Communications:

1200-1230 on 11665 WOF 125 kw / 160 deg to WeEu Tue/Fri, Oct. 12/15
1200-1240 on 9915 WOF 300 kW / 078 deg to WeEu Tue/Fri, Oct. 12/15
1230-1315 on 11665 WOF 125 kW / 075 deg to WeEu Tue/Fri, Oct. 12/15
1230-1300 on 17600 WOF 125 kw / 114 deg to WeEu Tue/Fri, Oct. 12/15
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Oct 13 via DXLD)

Hi, dear ---, do you know the UNID station name yet on WOF Woofferton
item??, on three different beam directions, - see below [above].
regards de Wolfy df5sx wwdxc germany bc-dx topnews (via wb, DXLD)

Hi Wolfy, Yes I can answer that question. We have a fully automatic
station at WOF now and when we are not there, it can be controlled
from the Babcock Control Room in the BBC's Bush House.

As well as that control room we have another site in London at our
Media Management Centre at Blue Fin, Southwark.

The staff there have recently started to be trained in working WOF
remotely and we have had some visit WOF to become acquainted with our
equipment, these transmissions were for them!

There will be further training sessions over the next couple of weeks.
So no doubt these amendments will run again. Anyway well spotted!
73 (someone at BBC or Babcock, reply to B,schel, via DXLD)

** U K. 5790, BBC Skelton 300 kW in Arabic tremendous S=9+50dB signal
at 0345 UT til close-down 0359:40 UT Oct 5. 26 kHz Broadband splatter
signal at 110 degrees main lobe, from 5777 to 5803 kHz. After 5
seconds 0359:45 UT appeared again on 5790 kHz in 140 degrees. The \\
Skelton outlet on 5905 kHz had much cleaner signal at 140 degrees
(Wolfgang B,schel, Oct 5, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 10 via DXLD)

** U K [and non]. Frequency changes of BBC:
0300-0400 NF 5790 SKN 300 kW / 110 deg to N/ME, ex 11820 in Arabic
0400-0500 NF 5790 SKN 300 kW / 140 deg to NoAf, ex 9915 in Arabic
0600-0700 NF 9410 SKN 300 kW / 180 deg to NEAf, ex 15105 in English
1500-1600 NF 11745 SNG 250 kW / 315 deg to SoAs, ex 11740 in Urdu

Additional transmission of BBC in Burmese from Oct. 4:

0200-0230 on 7380 NAK 250 kW / 325 deg
9480 NAK 250 kW / 355 deg
11995 SNG 250 kW / 340 deg
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Oct 13 via DXLD)

** U K. [continued from ASCENSION, re 10-40] The modernization of Ascension also raises questions about the Skelton-A and Woofferton sites. All Skelton-A (as opposed to Skelton-C with its six modern transmitters) and six of the ten Woofferton units are of this ancient design, too, and meanwhile more than 40 years old (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Oct 9, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Continued: GERMANY

** U K. BBC'S DDG MARK BYFORD, EX WS DIRECTOR, MADE REDUNDANT

The BBC is expected to announce tomorrow that Deputy Director General Mark Byford, BBC World Service director when the North American shortwave service closed, is to be made redundant according to their own news website. Their website links to the right wing anti-BBC Daily Mail who go into more detail and comment on his pension package.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-11519580>

(Mike Barraclough, Oct 11, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

BBC DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL BYFORD SLATED TO DEPART - Source
By PAUL SONNE OF THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

LONDON -- Facing heavy criticism over the high pay of its executives and on-air talent, the British Broadcasting Corp. plans to announce a shake-up in its upper ranks that stands to include the departure of its high-profile deputy director, according to a person familiar with the matter.

Mark Byford, deputy director general of the BBC, who is responsible for overseeing the British network's renowned news and current affairs reportage, is slated to depart the broadcaster, the person said. His departure comes as BBC Director General Mark Thompson looks to follow through on his pledge to reduce senior manager numbers by a fifth by the end of next year.

(This story and related background material will be available on The Wall Street Journal Web site, WSJ.com.)

The recalibration at the top will be seen as an attempt to make amends at a time of heavy scrutiny for the BBC. The Conservative Party, which took power in May in a coalition with the U.K.'s Liberal Democrats, has been critical of the broadcaster's spending.

Compensation for the BBC's top 11 executive posts increased to GBP4.8

million (\$7.2 million) in the year ended March 31, from GBP4.6 million the previous year. Total pay for the board, including nonexecutive directors, increased to GBP5.7 million from GBP5.5 million. Mr. Thompson, the top director at the network, took home GBP838,000.

Mr. Byford, a fixture at the BBC for decades, most recently as deputy director general and head of all the network's journalism operations, was the second-highest-paid member of the executive board in the most recent fiscal year, taking home a total remuneration package of GBP488,000. Having joined the BBC in 1979, at age 20, he has served as director of the World Service and director of Regional Broadcasting.

Michael Lyons, chairman of the BBC governing body, known as the BBC Trust, said this year that most of the BBC's top executives would take a voluntary yearly pay cut of 8.3% over the next two years, in part to keep with the new U.K. government's budget cuts. Mr. Lyons recently announced that he wouldn't seek a second term as chairman of the BBC Trust.

The BBC stands to be largely immune from the major government cutbacks set to be announced in the U.K. this month. The broadcaster receives the bulk of its funding from the roughly GBP3.5 billion collected each year from TV-license fees, costing GBP145.50 for each color-television household in the U.K. It is overseen by the BBC Trust, a separate independent body, chartered by Parliament until 2016. One prominent critic of the BBC has been News Corp. (NWS, NWSA) -- owner of the Wall Street Journal and this newswire -- which has criticized its rival's funding and growth plans.

Mr. Byford's departure comes amid a broader period of upheaval at the BBC, which has been looking to cut costs. A strategic review unveiled this year said it would divert GBP600 million to core functions, such as international news, while cutting the website budget, curtailing radio services and capping imported content.

"Expect to see further radical change to the shape of the organization," Mr. Thompson said in a lecture in August. "We've committed to reduce senior manager numbers by a fifth by the end of next year. That's a minimum. If we can go further, we will and we will look for reductions at every level in the organization -- up to and including the Executive Board." Mr. Byford is the first high-profile casualty. --By Paul Sonne, The Wall Street Journal (via Mike Cooper, WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DXLD)

For international radio listeners in the United States, Mark Byford is remembered for his decision in May 2001 to end BBC World Service shortwave broadcasts to North America (a story that I broke). The Save the BBC World Service Coalition tried, unsuccessfully, to convince Mr.

Byford to postpone the decision for a few years. Since then, listening to BBCWS on a radio in the United States is an activity largely reserved to the hours after midnight and before 5:00 a.m., when many public radio stations fill their time with its content (Kim Andrew Elliott, Oct 12, www.kimandrewelliott.com via WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DXLD)

How will cuts affect the impact of BBCWS?

Peter Horrocks, Director of BBC Global News, warned about the impact of cuts on the World Service as he delivered the Commonwealth Broadcasting Association (CBA) lecture in London on Monday. The full text of his speech is available on the CBA website.

http://www.cba.org.uk/conferences_and_events/speeches/101011_PHorrocks.php (Oct 13, 2010 - 1017 UT by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

An hour with Mark Thompson, Director-General and Editor-In-Chief of the BBC [video and audio]:

<http://www.charlierose.com/view/interview/11232>

(Charlie Rose, PBS, Oct 7 via DXLD) Really 54 minutes. It was mostly about TV; I don't think SW was ever mentioned, maybe BBCWS radio (gh)

** U S A [and non]. NEXT BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING, 13 OCTOBER, IN PRAGUE, WILL BE WEBCAST Posted: 08 Oct 2010

BBG Highlights, 4 Oct 2010: "The Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) will meet on Wednesday, October 13, 2010, in Prague, Czech Republic. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 3:30 a.m. (EDT [0730 UT]). The BBG will be considering Board By-Laws, a Calendar Year 2011 meeting schedule, Strategy and Budget Committee recommendations, and a Governor's trip report. The meeting is open--via webcast--to the public. The public may observe the open meeting via live and on demand streaming at <http://www.bbg.gov>" (kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. VOA jazz hour, Saturday Oct 9 at 1323 on 9760, 9510, 7575, in decreasing order of quality, from Tinang 250, Tinang 50, and Tinian 250 respectively.

VOA has a great heritage of jazz programming, and it's fine to be maintained, but how about classical. Is there ANY classical music (yes, American), in the VOA Music Mix? Let alone relayed on SW? Just try to find any mention of classical here:

<http://www.voanews.com/english/programs/radio/64964082.html>

``VOA Music Mix is the Voice of America's 24/7 English language music network. We combine the best songs from pop, rock, country, Hip-Hop, rap, jazz to give you the World's Best Variety.``

Is there a 24/7 program schedule of MM so we can look for any token classical hour? Not that we can find. Since this is primarily a satellite/internet stream, excuses that the fine art of classical would be ruined by lousy SW fading and interference will not be accepted.

VOA ignoring it, or even Broadway musicals, another great American music genre, is absolutely scandalous. The VOA music director, if any, must be extremely narrow-minded, perhaps without even realizing it (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7540, due west from Tinang, PHILIPPINES, poor with flutter, Oct 11 at 1404, VOA news in English, an echo apart from 17585 Greenville. Diverged at 1405 for Crossroads Asia and Music Mix.

9600, Oct 12 at 0520 in Hausa, which would be VOA via S,,o TomÈ, but with large SAH of about 7 Hz. Most likely Bulgaria warming up carrier for its German to follow at 0530.

9760 and 7575, VOA International Edition, Oct 12 at 1254 with report from Seoul correspondent about North Korea jamming GPS systems (from trux to a groundwave radius), so beware (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

More about that:

<http://kimelli.nfshost.com/index.php?id=9823>
(via gh, DXLD)

** U S A [non]. Frequency changes of IBB: [with kW / degrees]

Radio Liberty

0230-0330 NF 15680 KWT 250 / 070, ex 12140T Pashto-Radio Free AFG
0330-0400 NF 11635 BIB 100 / 088, addit. frequency Persian-Radio Farda
1400-1500 NF 15530 LAM 100 / 077, ex 12055 LAM Tajik, re-ex 11895
1500-1600 NF 15555 WER 250 / 075, ex 7260 WER Turkmen
1600-1700 NF 15555 WER 250 / 075, ex 11975 LAM Turkmen
1600-1700 NF 11975 LAM 100 / 075, ex 6060 WER Uzbek
1700-1800 NF 5990 BIB 100 / 083, ex 7260 LAM Russian
1700-1800 NF 15490 BIB 100 / 085, ex 5905 BIB Russian-Caucasus Echo
1800-1830 NF 9760 LAM 100 / 104, additional freq. Persian-Radio Farda

Voice of America

0130-0230 NF 11565 KWT 250 / 070, ex 12140 KWT Dari-Radio Ashna
1400-1500 on 15530 BIB 100 / 085, cancelled >> English, see below
1400-1500 on 17740 BOT 100 / 010, cancelled >> English, see below
1400-1500 on 15200 BIB 100 / 075, cancelled >> Tibetan - Tu/Th/Sa/Su
1400-1500 on 15425 BIB 100 / 075, cancelled >> Tibetan - Mon/Wed/Fri
1500-1530 NF 9415 PHL 250 / 315, ex 9670# UDO Uzbek, # to avoid VOR

1630-1700 on 9675 NAU 250 / 150, Mon-Fri, new Eng "Sudan in Focus"
1630-1700 on 12015*WER 250 / 150, Mon-Fri, new Eng "Sudan in Focus"
1630-1700 on 13825 WER 250 / 150, Mon-Fri, new Eng "Sudan in Focus"
1730-1830 NF 11565 IRA 250 / 340, ex 7595 IRA Dari-Radio Ashna
1830-1930 NF 9335 UDO 250 / 304, ex 7595 UDO Pashto-Radio Ashna
1930-2030 NF 9335 UDO 250 / 304, ex 7595 UDO Dari-Radio Ashna
2000-2100 on 5970 LAM 100 / 108, Mon-Fri, new English, ex 1400-1500
2000-2100 on 9480 UDO 250 / 300, Mon-Fri, new English, ex 1400-1500
* QRM Voice of Korea in German on 12014.6v
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Oct 13 via DXLD)

** U S A. RADIO/TV MARTÓ FIRES SPORTS ANCHOR AND UNION VP
Posted: 10 Oct 2010

Poder (Miami), 6 Oct 2010: "The shake up at TV/Radio Martí continues. Two employees were fired this week: sports anchor Omar Claro and Union rep Niurka Fernández. Staff at the station were shocked to see federal agents from the Department of Homeland Security enter the building on Tuesday and escort the pair from the building. The cases appear to be separate in nature . . .

<http://kimelli.nfshost.com/index.php?id=9838>
(kimandrewelliott.com Oct 10 via WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DXLD)

** U S A. 5050, WWRB is normally long gone from this frequency before 0600, but Saturday Oct 9 at 0607, talk in Biblese, seems like a Pauline epistle in KJV English. Had vanished a few minutes later (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. 15420-CUSB, WBCQ, Oct 9 at 1355-1400 with IS and ID --- the best and only time worth listening to this frequency, since all the rest is one gospel huxter or another. Text voiced by non-Allan announcer is: ``You are listening to WBCQ, Monticello, Maine, the United States of America, The Planet'', and IS a big-band fanfare of about 20 notes (hard to count, overlapping), lo fi, maybe from the Marion Webster Collection.

This repeated over and over, until just before 1400, standard canned ID by Allan Weiner with jingle, but cut off last word ``Planet'' to join primitive organ music introducing Brother Scare Sabbath service. Compared USB to LSB on the DX-398: definitely favors USB, but some modulation also audible on LSB.

By next check 1610, 15420 dominated by BBCWS with report from Commonwealth Games, even when tuned to USB. BBC via SEYCHELLES is scheduled on 15420 from 1300 to 1700, alternating English, Somali, Swahili, English finally at 280 degrees. For reasons unknown, this collision has never been considered by respective frequency managers as worth resolving; presumably because theoretically, Seychelles

should be no problem for WBCQ on the way to its Mexican target area. In the B-season, BBC switching from Seychelles to southward from Cyprus at 1400 might be less of a problem, but then there's via South Africa in our afternoons.

9330-CUSB, Oct 9 at 2325 plugging <http://www.radio211.com> where you may request a QSL for SW or webcast, or P O Box 456, Orangeville Ont., missed postal code. ``Radio 211, on WBCQ, 50,000 watts of Amplitude Modulation`` (well, not exactly: ``compatible`` USB, i.e. reduced carrier and reduced LSB but could also hear some modulation on lower side.) On to Bible quotation about olive oil.

This is Rod Hembree's latest enterprise, part of the Good Friends Radio Network, which has bought out 9330 for 15 hours daily, 13-04 UT per WBCQ current online schedule, which linx to this:

<http://www.thestreamtv.com/>

which linx further to this for Radio 2:11 --

http://www.thestreamtv.com/welcome_003.htm

which is where the URL heard announced forwards to.

I find nothing on home or any of the pages about reporting or QSLing.

Aha, 2:11 with a colon, must be obscure reference to some Bible verse, but which? There are countless eleventh verses of second chapters. I'm not going to keep listening hoping to find out.

There's also a message board, i.a. trashing fellow gospel-huxter ``Harold Campee``:

http://www.thestreamtv.citymax.com/board/board_topic/4160401/712665.htm
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glen, what can you tell me about Jim Cedarstrom? I heard him today on WBCQ. I had heard him before, but this time a bit more clearly. Does this guy trade in gold and silver? He sounded as if he did not. Is he a radical? He sounds sort of radical. Tell me what you know (Vernon J Wedstal, Oct 12, primetimeshortwave yg via DXLD)

Assuming this is directed to me, I haven't listened to him, but a top Google hit should tell you all you need to know:

<http://streamingradioguide.com/radio-show.php?showid=4735>

``Show Name: Patriot Trading Group

Ratings Graph New!

Host(s): Jim Cedarstrom

Description: The sky is falling! Buy Gold!``

(Glenn Hauser, *ibid.*)

** U S A. New 3255, 0100-0110 03.10, WWCR, Nashville, TN, English religious talk, ex 3215, 34343, occasional QRM Russian utility

conversation. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire here in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD) Now it's old, back to 3215 for a while (gh)

3215, WWCR-1 back here Oct 10 at 0518 (along with spur carriers on 3199.5 and 3230.5), after a week testing 3255 instead. If anyone did object to 3255, it could take weeks to reach WWCR thru the bureaucracy, and besides, they were not testing it during the hours they want to use it in B-10 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. WORLD OF RADIO 1533 confirmed on WWCR-2, 12160, Saturday Oct 9 at 1610, excellent signal. Next airings should be 0230 UT Sunday on 4840, and 0630 Sunday --- back on 3215, or still on 3255 test? They were on 3255 UT Oct 9 around 0600.

Also via IRRS, SLOVAKIA, 7290, Saturday at 1800.

Upcoming WRMI 9955 airings are: Sat 1730, Sun 0800, 1530, 1730; Tue 1530, 2230, Wed 0030, maybe 1530 unless new one is ready. WBCQ 7415 Tue 1900, maybe Wed 1900 too unless new one is ready.

9955, checking WRMI for Sunday 1530 airing of WORLD OF RADIO on Oct 10: nothing audible nor jamming, but confirmed on webcast at 1552 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. George McClintock tried to explain to me how things work as far as US stations using tropical bands, interference complaints, etc. These are my words, not verbatim his, interpreting hastily scribbled notes from a phone call. Stations are protected only within their own country, so international complaints are not that serious. There is a top-secret CD listing frequencies reserved by US military, but the FCC does not have it, e.g. doesn't know what usage MARS is making of these bands. Conflicts on 3 MHz seem to be lessening, but listed nets aren't always active. If they become active they may find a broadcaster on 'their' frequency; thus the need to experiment on new frequencies.

The FCC has a rather laissez-faire attitude toward US SWBC operations since the regs on the books are out of date. Requests for waivers are usually granted. E.g., the requirement to ID within 2 minutes of top of hour --- DGS did not want to be interrupted, so FCC allowed WWCR to delay the ID up to 45 minutes! If one station gets such a waiver, it applies to all the others. Ownership reports to FCC are required yearly of AM and FM stations, but not of SW stations (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WTWW QSL'd my reception reports from 28 January 2010 and 27 June 2010 on 5755 and 9480 kHz. Verification Signer Dan Dixon, Station Manager. Front of card shows picture of George McClintock in front of

100 kW shortwave transmitter in Lebanon, Tennessee. WTWW call letters stand for We Transmit World Wide. Noted return address on envelope: Nashville Engineering Consortium, 6611 Ormond Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37205. 73's, (Ed Insinger, Summit, NJ, Oct 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 5755, WTWW, Oct 05 0756-0806, 34443, English, talk, ID at 0800. Also Oct 07 0655-0709, 25432-35433, English, talk, ID at 0700 (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, Japan Premium Oct 9 via DXLD)

** U S A. 5950 // 5985, Oct 10 at 1242 nice organ music from WYFR; standard remark about lack of classical music, and furthermore: if Harold Camping had his way and churches were eliminated, where would we get such organ music??

At 1244 cut the fill music to another erroneous frequency change announcement. YL says 5950 and 5985 are ending, to be replaced by 17555 and 17750, and in 15 minutes add 11910 to Canada. Trouble is, checking the 17 MHz channels at 1308, 17555 was in Portuguese, not English, and nothing on 17750; while WYFR was really on 17795 as usual in English.

17555, WYFR, Oct 11 at 1246 in English not // other English on 17795. Re my previous comment about closing 5950 and 5985 at 1245 in English, referring to 17555 and 17750: while 17750 is not on until 1700 (see VENEZUELA), 17555 is indeed in English, but only until 1300, then Portuguese (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGSET)

** U S A [non]. 15320, Friday Oct 8 at 1300, ``La Voce della Speranza`` ID in Italian from AWR, strange as that language not scheduled here; then English ID as Voice of Hope, introducing Mandarin, which is scheduled per Aoki, 1300-1500 via Nauen, (East) GERMANY, except for Uighur 1300-1330 Sat & Sun (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. UNIDENTIFIED. 3160, Oct 12 at 1211, some music, S9+15 but not enough vs local noise level; 1213 DJ and ad break, could only copy 53 degree temp mentioned twice in English, 1217 back to music, 1218 fading more vs some ute bursts, 1222 I compare to 1160 and find 3160 is slightly on the hi side.

It's been a long time since I have IDed any domestic DX on the 2-3 MHz MW second-harmonic band. This is likely 2 x something on 1580, altho could be 4 x 790. I was thinking I had a catch on 3160 years before, but none found in partial DXLD archive.

However, WTTN in Watertown WI was heard last year briefly on 4740 = 3 x 1580. Now all I need is an isotherm map for that moment showing

everywhere it was 53 degrees and correlate it with 1580 stations! NWS says it was only 46 degrees, anyway, at Watertown.

3160 will be a hot target the next few mornings. Theoretically starting at 6 am in each zone is prime time for these, as higher day or PSRA powers often start while night conditions still prevail.

3160, checking out yesterday's MW harmonic unID, tuning in much earlier Oct 13: nothing there around 1128. Should have stayed on frequency as apparently signed on at 1130. Next check 1136 there is a surprisingly fair signal, S9+20 with soul/gospel music, segue to another at 1139. WWRB 3185 runs S9+25+ by comparison. At 1142, DJ break, southern black accent with timecheck for 7:42 so it's in the EDT zone, mentions date, Wednesday, October 13, so must be live!

Show is called Gospel Train; ad for something with one-dollar items, phone 803-526-something. Area code 803 means South Carolina. I had not dreamt it could be that far away. 1148 another ad for same, a restaurant with \$1 breakfasts; weather forecast, 63 degrees; 1149 YL canned PSA about children in poverty (for whom the dollar breakfasts should be a draw).

1151 into another gospel song. By 1155 it is weakening a bit to S9+15, barely above noise level, still at 1200 but becoming JBA. 1201 a W- ID but could not copy call, 8:00 TC in Gospel Train, and heard a couple of monotone whistles. 1202 bothered briefly by 'running water' ute QRM. More music.

That should be plenty to ID it, so looked up in the 2010-2011 NRC AM Log, on 1580, finding WPJK, Orangeburg SC, which has urban contemporary/gospel format. There is another SC on 1580, but it's Spanish religious. WPJK is a daytimer, sunrise-sunset, 1 kW non-directional.

However, the 526 exchange in the 803 AC is in York SC, in the NE, far from Orangeburg but also far from WDAB Travelers Rest in the NW, which various sources maintain is Spanish. Maybe I misunderstood the phone number; sure wish I had got the name of that \$1-breakfast-restaurant. Might be worth a trip there. Or it could just be McDonalds, which has had such a promotion, but they don't want phone calls, do they?

FCC AM Query says WPJK has a 'plan' to operate also at night with 15 watts. And it's licensed to an administratrix: ERMMA BARTON GOWDY.
<http://www.fcc.gov/fcc-bin/amq?list=0&facid=6447>
Radio Locator lists an address for her in Augusta GA.

I'll bet 1130 UT is the official local WPJK sunrise for October. Yes:
<http://www.fcc.gov/fcc-bin/srsstime>?

dlat=33&mlat=28&slat=43.00&dlon=80&mlon=52&slon=46.00&tzone=A
November will be 1200, December 1215, January 1230, February 1215 UT.

So Brother Scare has some company on 90m from a real South Carolina SW station. Orangeburg is about halfway between Columbia and Walterboro off I-26. Distance from Enid is 1580 km or 982 statute miles.

If anyone else hear it, please do NOT seek a QSL or contact WPJK about this, as that could lead to elimination of this harmless harmonic and its DXability (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 3663, Oct 12 at 1206, WA5BLQ calling CQ 80, VG signal, on AM. I think this is the non-SSB guy I often hear hanging out here; immediately got a reply from WW5K on AM, and the two discussed rainfall amounts. Per ARRL lookup:

THOMAS, LUTHER L, WA5BLQ, HCR 62 BOX 288A, OZONE, AR 72854
COLLIER SR, BRUCE H, WW5K, 1069 PATRICK RD, NATCHITOCHES, LA 71457
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. AFN logged 11 October 2010 at 0200 UT tune in on 7811 kHz USB. Excellent news program entitled "For Your Ears Only." Have also seen this incorrectly listed as 7812 kHz USB (Ed Insinger, Summit, NJ, Oct 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. New York Radio Weather volmet - Hello Glenn; Just wondering, have you heard anything about New York Radio coming back on 3485? They are back on 6604, but haven't been heard on 3485 for weeks. I was just wondering whether or not you have inside information. Thank you; keep up the good work, your program is very interesting (Dukes Wayne, DE, Oct 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No, I have not heard anything about this, but maybe your query will prompt some response (Glenn to Dukes, *ibid.*)

** U S A. 720, Oct 13 at 1239, fair signal in English alone on frequency, Heidi Harris talk show with phone ending in -KDWN, political discussion; seems she is against ``Obama-care``.

Her show is weekdays at 5-9 am PDT per
<http://www.kdwn.com/index.php?page=106>
i.e. 12-16 UT, winters 13-17 UT. Heidi and a Snake! ---
http://www.kdwn.com/multimedia/images_dj/djAlbum__ed4aebf263.jpg
KDWN also features the ilk of Glenn Beck, Dennis Miller and Michael Savage. I think I'll pass. Unless they wear pythons, which I would encourage them to try.

Nevada is not exactly easy to MWDX here, altho have heard KDWN before. 50 kW should be on night pattern, just barely sunrise here, well

before Las Vegas sunrise, deep null 75 degrees toward Chicago, which also means only slightly less null toward Enid in cardioid pattern: http://www.fcc.gov/ftp/Bureaus/MB/Databases/AM_DA_patterns/1347186-109908.pdf

I wonder why these FCC 'electric field strength pattern plots' always show an almost current date (10 Oct 2010 in this case) as if they are constantly subject to change?? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 770, KKOB, with station promos, Oct 11 at 1229 UT, fair signal mixing with an ['`old``] Mexican. Unusual to hear this on night pattern with deep null toward New Jersey. Official sunrise in October is 1315 UT (November 1345, December 1400, January 1415, February 1400). Could this be the 230-watt non-directional co-channel repeater in Santa Fe, which is on the air only while ABQ is on night pattern? This was just before our sunrise, possibly enhancing it.

Can't be positive, as some signal no doubt leaks out from the North Valley. Years ago I contemplated trying to arrange a DX test from KKOB Santa Fe, i.e. by turning off Albuquerque for a brief period.

After having heard KKOB Albuquerque (or Santa Fe?), 770, the day before at 1229 UT while night pattern prevailed, I wanted to see what would happen at official sunrise there 1315: Oct 12 monitoring from 1312 not much, but a couple sex before 1315, KKOB does pop on, altho only poor signal with local announcements, guest attendance at the [Balloon] Fiesta was up by 40,000 this year.

Meanwhile there was a SAH of approximately 220 per minute = three and two-thirds Hz with weak groundwave dominator KAAM Garland (The Metroplex) TX. At 1323 KKOB had axually improved a little by comparison. By the end of October, with latening sunrises, the 1315 pattern switch should be more helpful (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1070, at 1238 Oct 11 both KNX Los Angeles news and KLIQ Wichita oldies were about equal and easily nullable about 110 degrees apart; in between, they produce fast SAH of some 15 Hz. One is considerably off-frequency, and I bet I know which:

Yes, in daytime groundwave conditions at 1545, on DX-398 10-kHz steps with BFO, several other stations in the 1000's and 1100s agree that KLIQ is on the hi side of its frequency (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. Re 10-40, CANADA: "There was a time when the FCC would not have licensed 53-degree towers for a 50 kW stations." (Scott Fybush) [KPWX 1130 in Oregon, interfering with CKWX Vancouver]

KAZ replies that there was a time when our FCC had integrity and wasn't a pawn of big corporations and wasn't 100% clueless in regards to both AM and FM engineering and propagation (Neil Kazaross, IL, IRCA via DXLD)

It's not the big corporations who want signals like KPWX on the air. The big corporations already have their good 50 kW signals with properly-designed antenna arrays, and they don't want the extra interference that stations like KPWX add to the dial.

It's the little guys who've been pushing the FCC for many decades now to find ways to cram more signals into an overcrowded dial. And all the way back to the Communications Act of 1934, there's been that mandate (you can look it up under section 307b) to provide a "fair and equitable distribution of broadcast service," a mandate the FCC has consistently equated with more and more signals serving smaller and smaller areas.

This is not a new debate, and it goes back many decades to the days when the FCC really did have engineers running it. If Mark Durenberger's around, I'm sure he can offer links to the excellent writing he did a while back about the lengthy process by which the original clear channels were broken down.

And having said that, there's never really been a time when the FCC has been entirely independent of what the large corporate broadcasters want. There's a long history of corporate broadcasting executives becoming FCC commissioners or vice versa; look back 60 years to the days when Charles Denny moved straight from a chair on the FCC to a cushy executive job with RCA, just after he'd conveniently quashed the CBS color TV system in favor of RCA's, or to the more respectable service of Jim Quello as FCC chairman after a distinguished career running WJR in Detroit. s (Scott Fybush, IRCA via DXLD)

Re 1130 Interference --- Scott, Don't we have something in "International" laws to protect CKWX? I don't know if CKWX sells in the Frasier Valley, but a loss of revenue might create a lawsuit? Like you, I have no clue, but I don't see how some station can just get the okay from the FCC to build and cause QRM Internationally? However, that is the case with IBOC and nothing has been done to stop that from QRMing Canadian stations. If it was Cuba, they would just boost CKWX's signal to 500 KW. hi. 73, (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, ibid.)

That's what I've been trying to explain. There's an international treaty signed by the US and Canada in 1984, formally known as the "Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada Relating to the AM Broadcasting Service in the Medium Frequency Band" and informally known as the "bilateral

agreement."

According to that treaty (which has the force of law in both countries), CKWX is protected from *groundwave* interference on Canadian soil during daylight hours, and from both skywave and groundwave interference at night. KPWX puts essentially no groundwave signal into Canada, and they have measurements to prove that.

The treaty provides *no* protection to CKWX (or any other Canadian class A station) from skywave interference during critical hours, which is what's happening here.

It's possible that CKWX could work out some sort of arrangement with KPWX in private negotiations (like that WNYR/CFTR deal in the seventies I described in an earlier e-mail), but it doesn't appear to have much recourse where the laws are concerned.

It may not sound fair, but there are a lot of things in international broadcasting treaties that don't work out well for individual stations. s (Scott Fybush, *ibid.*)

Scott, OK, it is the critical hours that are not covered. It seems that slipped through the cracks. Thanks for the reclarification. Now today, Mt. Angel is weaker this morning and CKWX is on top. It sounds like they are trying to make a change. The same was true on Sunday. (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, *ibid.*)

My wife and I drove to S. Lake Tahoe 10/1-9. 1130, KPWX Mt. Angel did indeed do a good wrecking job on CKWX as we drove southward from Tacoma. I would think the 1150 station in Portland would be somewhat displeased (Pete Taylor, Tacoma, WA, Car radio for the above, IRCA via DXLD)

Does anyone know for sure if KPWX is indeed running 50 kW? If not, CKWX ain't heard nuthin' yet (Pete Taylor, Tacoma, WA, *ibid.*)

How can KPWX run 50 kW when the Permit to do so hasn't even been granted yet? (It hadn't been when I checked Friday morning) (Paul B Walker, Jr, *ibid.*)

If they are running 25 kW, they have to be sending a ton of signal to the NW, as I am 100 miles from them and their signal matches the 50 kWers in Portland in signal. I can easily see why they QRM CKWX near LSS. 73, (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, *ibid.*)

I have e mailed CKWX twice, without a reply. So they know it (Patrick Martin, OR, IRCA via DXLD)

Of course they do. There are two things going on here: one is the public story CKWX puts out to its listeners, and one is the negotiating that's taking place behind the scenes between CKWX and KPWX.

99.999% of CKWX's listeners don't understand the intricacies of AM propagation and ionospheric science; it's a pretty good bet that their meteorologist doesn't, either. And based on my experience, something like 99.99% of newscasters and station management don't know the E-layer from their sock drawer, and don't care.

What matters publicly is that the station's listeners know the station is aware that something is wrong, and that the station is trying to do something about it. So they put out this story, and that crisis is averted, at least for the moment.

Meanwhile, I'm told by sources close to the situation that there have been discussions underway looking for a real solution. We'll see what comes of them. s (Scott Fybush, NY, Oct 11, IRCA via DXLD)

I can believe that as most people don't have a clue why there is interference. All they know, is they don't like it. CKWX is a very popular News station covering the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island, so I am sure the complaints are everywhere.

But if this goes on too long, I am sure CKWX will lose listeners. People love the All News stations and depend on them at rush hour and that is when the QRM is apparent.

It will be interesting to see how this plays out. Here on the Oregon Coast I am far enough away from Mt. Angel to notice any power change. They probably should have had the 6.5 KW during Critical Hours.

Thanks Scott. CKWX puts a very good signal into OR/WA at night. It used to be quite good days before Mt. Angel came on with 25 KW. Ah ha they were testing with just 6.5 KW. No wonder the difference. With the 6.5 KW, CKWX can easily be heard off the NE EWE, and Mt. Angel off the SW EWE (Don't have a SE EWE, just a Eastern beverage), but with 25 KW or 50 KW, goodbye to CKWX days as Mt. Angel covers it. 73, (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, *ibid.*)

Doubtful. The reason the issues are cropping up in the Fraser Valley has to do with poor ground conductivity between the CKWX transmitter site (south of Vancouver in the Richmond/Surrey area) and the relatively distant Fraser Valley. Within most of the rest of metro Vancouver, CKWX puts a strong enough signal to overcome any incoming interference from KPWX. But out in the Fraser Valley, CKWX barely puts a 0.5 mV/m signal, which is fairly weak - and thus subject to

interference from KPWX.

They may or may not see any real-world ratings hit; it depends on how much of the ratings panel is out in the areas east of Vancouver suffering the interference.

If they'd been protecting a US station on 1130, they'd probably have had even lower critical-hours power, since US class A and B stations (unlike Canadian stations) are protected from incoming skywave interference during critical hours.

And it's important to understand where that "6.5 kW" figure comes from. It's really 6250 watts, and there's nothing magical about it - it's simply that the FCC allows directional AM stations to run a maximum of 25% of their daytime power under STA, and 6250 watts is 25% of 25 kW. (Similarly, WWVA will be running 12.5 kW at night under STA once it completes rebuilding the first of its three downed towers later this week; that's 25% of its licensed directional 50 kW.)

In KPWX's case, the STA operation was only for a few weeks, to allow KPWX to make the ground conductivity measurements it needed to make as part of the 50 kW application process. (Scott Fybush, *ibid.*)

I thought that this topic might have been put to bed but I'm glad that it's still on. I'm still on this one and doing as many scans as possible and the same thing is happening here in Nanaimo BC which is directly west of Vancouver by close to 40 miles. A Sunday scan starting at 17:45 PDT revealed a weak KPWX signal under a nulled CKWX signal and by 18:00 was audible under a direct CK pickup and caused a bit of fluctuation of the two. At 18:15 KP was almost even with CK and continued to compete with CK until power down at exactly 18:30 or so it seemed to disappear at that time.

From the Mt. Angel perspective, what are the Spanish listeners in areas outside of that town hearing when their radios, suddenly lose a fair to good signal to nothing or almost nothing and their Mex music is gone. Are they suddenly hearing English news from a Canadian city and having to tune their radios to 1520 to keep on hearing their favourite songs?

A Northwest Broadcasters Recent News entry reported that the Mt. Angel, Oregon station was (testing) with a power output of 6.5 KW, which is quite a bit less than the 50,000 KW that CKWX quoted. Imagine a station with 50 million watts. I don't know if that report is accurate but it might be more realistic. Since KP was granted a license, they could solve the pre sunset skip by powering down an hour before critical time and later in the morning (Bill in BC Kral, IRCA via DXLD)

Here at 5:41 P.M. PDT, KPWX 1130 is S-9+40db on the u-shaped fence antenna. With the Palstar MW 550P on and tuned to 1130 the signal is S-9+55db. I'm 45 miles North as the crow flies from Mt. Angel, OR. They have been cutting power at 6:30 P.M. PDT, their FCC reducing power time for October (Dennis Vroom, Salmon Creek, WA, *ibid.*)

Deane ran the numbers (and gave me the formula for figuring ERP on my own) for KPWX. Their day 25 kW pattern has an ERP of 51 kW at 0 degrees, which is fairly close to being aimed right at CKWX. So wonder if maybe an engineer told the station management that 50 kW of signal (ERP) is headed our way instead of saying 25 kW and then having to explain ERP. Good thing Vancouver is not on a 45 degree heading - the ERP that way is 81 kW. Also the short towers have been mentioned which puts the first hop close-in, like maybe Vancouver. :)

102 kW ERP (toward Vancouver) if they get the 50 kW app approved. :0

PS: Love the "50,000 Kw" number. Bet they could hear that 24/7 - us too. :) 73, (Dave in Indy Hascall, IRCA via DXLD)

I actually thought about that, lol. They're probably assuming that the 50 KW CP will be granted and using that to help their case, since to listeners, 50 KW is a lot more then 25 in their mind. Although the actual difference between 25 and 50 kW aren't much at all (Paul B Walker, Jr, IL, *ibid.*)

I was informed tonight by a friend that in 1952, CBU moved from 1130 to 690 as the CBC was concerned about exactly what has happened. I guess I did not realize that 1130 is a Canadian Clear as well as an American Clear. 690 on the other hand is a Canadian & Mexican Clear. If 1130 was a Canadian & Mexican Clear, there would not be the issue, at least with Daytime interference. I guess Tijuana does QRM CBU at times in some areas at night. Not here though, CBU is a huge powerhouse 24/7. The strongest Canadian I get.

On another list there are Canadian reports that the Mt. Angel station is QRMing within 10 miles East of the CKWX transmitter site in Burnaby and also off the coast on Vancouver Island near Duncan, so the QRM is wide spread and easily in the main contour of CKWX's Grade A signal area. 73, (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, IRCA via DXLD)

I did note both stations on Haida Gwaii last month, but mostly tonight, I'm hearing CKWX at 100% copy with no QRM whatsoever, here in Victoria, BC (Walt Salmani, Oct 12, *ibid.*)

At LSS Mt. Angel drops power from 25 KW (?) to 490 Watts to the South, so CKWX does take over the frequency. But during the day, it is a

different story.

I think right now, the CKWX QRM is being reported in the late afternoons on the Lower Mainland during drive time, but I would guess the QRM must be in the mornings too. Not an issue during the middle of the day as yet anyway (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, *ibid.*)

Why not move it to 1570 or 1580? (Saul Chernos, Ont. *Ibid.*)

Move CKWX or The Mt Angel station to 1570/1580? (Paul B Walker, Jr, IL, *ibid.*)

CKWX, as it's a Canadian clear (Saul Chernos, *ibid.*) Easier said than done (gh)

Not 1580, as there is another station close by (KGAL), but 1570 would be open, even 1110 maybe, if KBND was protected, 1100, nearest there is SF. There are lots of possibilities, if the FCC would OK them, but as you know changing freq. is not easy to get OKed always either.

Paul, What I did not realize was 1130 is a US clear along side of the Canadian Clear, that makes the difference as both countries use it for 50 KWers. The interference is too close to combat. 73, (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, *ibid.*)

A move to 1570 would be feasible since that was allocated to Nanaimo BC but was abandoned in favour of FM some years ago but I believe 1580 is currently occupied by an Oregonian so that's not an option. I don't know if News 1570 would sound so catchy as does News 1130. I don't understand why a guy would want to set up a high power AM on 1130 anyway, only to have to either shut down at night or run only enough trickle to cover the local town and maybe a 5 mile radius even if there was nobody else cutting in like Vancouver. Any new AMs, especially with foreign language formats, should be relegated to the X band and run with 10 kW which is enough power for a small or medium population (Bill Kral, BC, *ibid.*)

I also noted the story in Scott Fybush's Radio Journal earlier today and sent him the following note:

Scott, Your story says: "Tropospheric skywave? How is that again? CKWX is iexplanationi didn't sit well with more knowledgeable engineers, who were quick to note that what is really happening in the Pacific Northwest has little to do with localized conditions in the lower atmosphere. While those factors do affect FM radio and TV signals, the issue with KPWX is neither rare nor abnormal: it is simply the skywave propagation that affects all AM signals during the icritical hoursi just after sunrise and before sunset. The 1984 treaty

between the US and Canada provided no critical-hours skywave protection across the border, and this particular case is exacerbated by the very short (53-degree) towers KPWX is using, generating plenty of high-angle radiation that skips the Oregon signal back down to earth near Vancouver."

This is a pretty good explanation but not quite complete. It has long been known that skywave propagation during all daytime hours in the MF band exists, and the ITU Recommendations (ITU-R P.1147-1 for example, at Annex 2) discuss it. But the FCC doesn't want to hear about it. Daytime skywave on N-S paths in the coastal west has been observed in a variety of previous instances, and, for example, is not infrequently observed between high power Portland stations with relatively short towers and the Puget Sound region. So this effect doesn't come as a surprise.

One minor error in your story: The U.S. Canada bilateral DOES provide critical hours protection, but only for class A stations on the formerly "unduplicated" clear channels, that is, those stations that were I-A's under the old NARBA and Bilateral agreements. 1130 is a shared clear channel, and CKWX is a former class I-B, so such protection is not provided.

The former bilateral agreement had a radiation limit toward the border on the Canadian "I-A" channels (and conversely) but not on the shared "I-B" clears (Ben Dawson, Hatfield-Dawson, WA, Oct 13, via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. MAJOR FIRE DESTROYS KSJX 1500 SAN JOSE RADIO STATION
<http://www.firefightingnews.com/article-us.cfm?articleID=85459>

United States (California) - On Saturday, October 9, 2010 at 4:50 PM units of the San Jose Fire Department responded to a report of a vehicle fire on U.S. Highway 101 near McKee Road east of downtown San Jose. While en route firefighters reported a column of smoke seen in the general area of the initial report prompting the dispatch of additional apparatus to the area. Upon their arrival firefighters discovered a well-established vegetation fire spreading into a field near two commercial structures including a Kellogg's plant that produces Eggo Waffles and a Vietnamese language radio station, KSJX located at 501 Wooster Avenue.

Firefighters were forced to deal with rapidly changing conditions as flames quickly extended into the structure housing the radio station's transmitting equipment requiring firefighters to launch defensive operations to contain the spread of fire from the fire building. Meanwhile additional resources were tasked with attacking the vegetation fire that had spread through approximately five acres of

thick brush, trees, and grasses. Crews from San Jose Truck 1 and Truck 2 conducted master stream operations on the fully involved radio station building while numerous hand lines were stretched and placed into operation as needed.

Some 70 firefighters under the command of Incident commander Battalion Chief Jim Stunkel (B1-B), assisted by Battalion Chiefs Robert Sapien (B10-B), Colleen Mulholand (B29-B), and Juan Diaz (DSO), worked for several hours to contain both the structure and vegetation fires. There were no reports of injuries and the origins of the fire remain under investigation. Written and photos by Craig Allyn Rose
Courtesy of Emergency Photo - User-Submitted Photo Story
(via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

This site also had KZSF 1370 San Jose diplexed on it, and it is evidently silent as well. s (Scott Fybush, *ibid.*)

Driving home tonight I noted a Mexican station with an abrupt sign-off (seemingly no ID, just an anthem) at 9 pm PDT / 0500 UT. Then presumed KSTP fairly weak with sports talk. West coasters should try for Honolulu in the early morning hours. 73, (Tim Hall, Chula Vista CA, *ibid.*) see HAWAII

** U S A. WCKY 1530 Cincinnati with two programs at once, including Brother Scare: see SOUTH CAROLINA [non]

** U S A. WGBW Two Rivers WI 1590 AM DX-test - 16 October 2010 ñ 12:00 am to 1:00 am CDT [0500-0600 UT]

I heard WGBW Two Rivers WI 1590 in Kongsfjord one night in September 2009 while they were transmitting with full daytime power (1 kW) during some work on their equipment. President and General Manager Mark Heller responded with a kind confirmation and offered to try full power at nighttime again at an agreed time. This will now take place 16 October 2010 @ 12:00 am to 1:00 am CDT.

Mr. Heller will be putting together a program of music segments, which will attract attention. It will be one minute clips of Mickey Mouse Club March, Soupy Sales theme song (high frequency piano theme) and maybe some Les Paul too. There will be station identifications and announcements between the music segments. This will repeat for the entire hour. It will stand out!

Reception reports (email with MP3-file or regular reception reports) can be sent to Mr. Mark Heller for verification:
wgbw [at] lsol [dot] net

WGBW Radio

1414 16th Street
Two Rivers, WI 54241

Good luck! OJ Sagdahl www.kongsfjord.no ojs [at] kongsfjord [dot] no
(via Brandon Jordan, TN, DXLD)

** U S A. 1600, Oct 8 at 1216, this frequency gave me pause in my TP
bandscan, as there was a political ad for Diane Dinesh, who is running
for governor of New Mexico, then another ad, and back to oldies; ergo,
KRKE Albuquerque. After 6 am local but well before sunrise, supposedly
only 84 watts on PSRA before daytime power of 10,000 watts non-
directional, but I don't believe it, dominating channel for a while.
Would you believe they have a CP for 50,000 watts ND daytime, but
still only 175 watts at night? I believe this call previously applied
to 610, originally KGGM (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1620 Reno. Mexican music/Spanish talk but couldn't fish out
anything approximating an ID due to my linguistic shortcomings.
Probably in the southern part of the city. A little hairy in the
downtown area but still strong 12 miles to the west, growling against
weaker KSMH. Noted 10/4 about 5 pm PDT. Any Reno area DXers out there?
My wife and I drove to S. Lake Tahoe 10/1-9 (Pete Taylor, Tacoma, WA,
Car radio for the above, IRCA via DXLD) Pirate

** U S A. During Descarga music show on KRZA 88.7 Alamosa CO, Oct 12
around 1525, heard on webcast, in pledge plug mentioned that they have
permission to raise their tower on San Antonio mountain (across the
border in NM), and improve coverage.

Checking FCC FM Query, present height above ground is only 18 meters,
and CP is for 39m, a 21m increase. However the new tower is at
slightly different coordinates on the mountain, resulting in a height
above average terrain change from 633 to 636m, only 3 meters increase.
Power remains 9.8 kW ERP. Why bother? Perhaps the new location will
have less blockage in desired directions toward Alamosa and Taos NM?

Old service are contour map at
<http://www.fcc.gov/fcc-bin/FMTV-service-area?x=FM84044.html>
shows 60 dbu barely reaching Alamosa, Chama and Taos and new one at
<http://www.fcc.gov/fcc-bin/FMTV-service-area?x=FM1355382.html>
does not look any different. Judging from near-circularity, these maps
do not take into account mountain terrain blockage, especially in
northern New Mexico! From driving around in that area, we know that is
a major factor. KRZA also gets into Santa Fe spottily (Glenn Hauser,
OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. KCET-28 TO DISAFFILIATE FROM PBS --- KCET-28 Los Angeles has
announced they will drop their PBS affiliation at the end of the year.

They will remain a non-commercial station. They will continue to air programs they receive from sources other than PBS, and programs produced locally at the station.

No announcements have been made about the possible disposition of PBS programs to the three other public TV stations in the LA market - KLCS-58 Los Angeles, KOCE-50 Huntington Beach, and KVCR-24 San Bernardino.

KCET management cites their inability to negotiate a lower PBS membership fee as the reason for the disaffiliation.

I would not rule out the possibility this announcement is a negotiation tactic -- there is a (IMHO fair) possibility an agreement will be reached in the next 60 days and KCET will remain a PBS affiliate (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, Oct 9, WTFDA via WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DXLD)

That's really incredible, one of the major 'PBS' stations which has produced many shows for the network (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. TV-6 audio on the radio -- continuing via HD

HD radio, that is. WITI-TV Milwaukee was on analog channel 6. Of course, analog channel 6 audio could be heard on FM radios at 87.75. And of course, that ability went away when stations went digital -- the digital transmissions, even if they continue on RF channel 6, are incompatible with FM radios (WITI is on RF channel 33).

A post on Radio-Info.com says WITI has found a way to continue to be heard on the radio. The Fox affiliate negotiated an agreement with Clear Channel to carry WITI's audio on WMIL-FM (106.1 Waukesha) HD3.

<http://boards.radio-info.com/smfp/index.php?topic=176950.msg1539113#msg1539113>
-- (via Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, WTFDA via DXLD)

** U S A. VIEWERS MOB FRESNO'S KMPH FOR ANTENNA GIVEAWAY

Titan Broadcast Group's Fox affiliate in Fresno, CA (KMPH) was inundated by viewers who lined up beginning at 3AM 10/12 to pick up a free DTV antenna. A total of 300 were given away and traffic was backed up outside the KMPH studios, half a city block. A station news anchor made the point that many people don't realize that you can still receive television stations free without cable or satellite.

The segment also played an ad from the NAB, iThere's a movement among special interest groups to limit free antenna TV. It has to do with

high speed wireless Internet access competing with TV's digital broadcasting.¹ <http://www.rbr.com/tv-cable/28243.html>
(via Brock Whaley, HI for DXLD)

The video I saw never gave a clear view of the antenna, but the box it was in looked pretty small. One of those set-top useless things? If it's ``DTV'' it must not receive any analog signals that still may exist? Yeah, right (Glenn Hauser, *ibid.*)

** U S A. When stormy weather upped signals from Wichita DTV Oct 10 at 2350 UT, inbringing RF 45, 35 and 19, I looked for the Wichita LP DTV, KGPT-CA, 5.4 kW running Retro TV net on 49 like local KXOK-31 that Dave Pomeroy had pointed out, and was getting a too-weak signal indication from that direxion, but it will take even more intensity to decode it.

We later got some hail which I`m afraid affected my new antenna as some semi-local signals have become weaker, and break up, altho there is no damage visible from the ground (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. IN THE 500-CHANNEL UNIVERSE, WE'RE DEFINITELY LOST IN SPACE
By Tom Shales Wednesday, October 6, 2010; C01

In the 500-channel universe, which may, of course, contain many more channels than 500, the fun never stops -- fun at such a fever pitch as to sometimes seem threatening, numbing, even agonizing.

It's supposedly, theoretically, marvelous to gambol about in a "something-for-everyone" culture where all tastes are catered to by one medium or many. Combine the cable or satellite smorgasbord with all the other diversion-dispensers -- home video, including high-def and Blu-ray and their sumptuous visual capabilities; video games; and that whole social networking business and its elevation of the trifling, the quotidian and the banal. Put them all together and you have the passive sensory environment in which we now exist.

We may be out of work, but we're not even close to out of playthings. We haven't much to do, but we have more than enough to watch; we can watch till we're blue all over, not just in the face. And now, every life is a show, worthy of documentation or twitterfication, of being turned into a kind of reality-show serial and consumed by others.

Somewhere along the way, standards seem to have been not so much lowered as eliminated. "Content" has replaced that archaic term "substance" and seems to promise much less. Style, in many cases, is content; that's not even really news anymore. The bar has been lowered so many times that it now just lies there on the floor, lifeless and

limp, the outmoded relic of other eras. . .

http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/10/05/AR2010100505675_pf.html

(via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** UZBEKISTAN. 9660, Oct 13 at 1304, S Asian vocal music, heavy flutter; 1305 announcement seems Hindi. Yes, it's CVC at 11-14, 100 kW, 153 degrees from Tashkent (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VANUATU. 3945, R. Vanuatu, Port Vila. October 05, 0835-0845 female in English hosting listeners by phone, listener talks followed by male in studio in comments in 1993..police..Australia rescue, many times this sequence. 35322 (Lcio Ot.vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - Dipole 18m, 32m; Longwire 22m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VENEZUELA [non]. Altho as of 1549 UT Sunday Oct 10, the special frequencies for AlU, Presidente via CUBA [see previous report] were still carrying RHC // regular RHC channels, by next check 1807 UT, El Hugazo could be heard on 17750 (badly mixing with WYFR, currently scheduled 1700-2045 including 18-19 in Italian), and rather weak 12010; plus an echo apart on weaker 11690 with RTTY on lo side. Nothing on 13680, nor 13750, whose time must have run out by then. Not // regular RHC on 11760, et al. So I have no idea when he actually started, nor when he would have finished, but at least we know A,P was finally back on SW after at least one sesquimonth (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM [and non]. Subject: [IRCA] TP DX in Seattle 10-8-10: 675 kHz, two sets of pips at 1400 UT. The first had 5 short, then one long, all sounded like the same pitch. They were followed about 10 secs after ToH by 4 short and one long higher pitched tone. Both weak, with not much audio otherwise. I suspect the first was Vietnam, and the second was an unid Chinese (Bruce Portzer, R8A, SDR-IQ receivers, K9AY antenna, IRCA via DXLD)

Bruce: Yes indeed, Vietnam uses 5 short (200ms) pips and 1 long (1 sec) pip, each of 1120 Hz (Chuck Hutton, *ibid.*)

** VIETNAM [non]. PALAU, 9930, R. Hoa-Mai, Sep 30 *1300-1310, 34433-33433 Vietnamese, 1300 sign on with IS, Opening music, ID, Opening announce, talk. Also Oct 05 *1300-1310, 45444-43443, Vietnamese, 1300 sign on with IS, Opening music, ID, Opening announce, Talk, jamming from 1304. Also Oct 07 1318-1329*, 35433, Vietnamese, talk, ID at 1320 and 1328, 1327 Closing announce, IS at 1329, 1329 sign off, no jamming (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, Japan Premium Oct 9 via DXLD)

** WESTERN SAHARA [non]. 6248.33, RASD, 0032-0033*, Oct 9, noticed off

frequency again. Just caught the end of their transmission, signing off with their National Anthem. Fair to good (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

6297.1, looking for SASASAM Oct 9 at 0600, and found open carrier with soft noise bursts, which we think are coming from own transmitter rather than ute QRM, but not sure; 0602 ending NA into chanting. The previous evening, Brian Alexander caught them again instead on 6248.33 until 0033* (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ALGERIA, 6297.09 kHz RASD from Tindouf refugee camp transmitter noted at 1945 UT Oct 9, S=7 poor signal. But not on 6248v kHz reserve unit on air. (Wolfgang B.schel, wwdx BC-DX TopNews Oct 9, dxldyg via DXLD)

Noel, At least now, 2207 UT, all I can detect on 6297 is a utility station; Rabouni's signal is close & powerful enough not to be detected here though poor propagation may seriously affect reception on occasions, but that is only temporary. No trace of them on 6250, only N. Korean, ditto on 6085. Sometimes, they're actually off on HF though active on MF. All I hear from them now is on 700.

[later:] I kept observing 6297 despite the dreadful utility signal, and detected a carrier on 6297.09 too, but that was all, no audio perceived.

The observation continued on 700 too (deep, long fade prior to 2200), and I hoped they could make a musical break on the lengthy talks as maybe that could provide some audio on 6297, and they did, but only very briefly, then TS and more talks at 2200. If 6297 was, or is on, then power level must be much less than normal. 73, (Carlos GonÁlves, Portugal, Oct 9, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I guess the prop conditions are not perfect tonight, i.e. I heard nothing of ERT Athens on 7450 and 7475 kHz in our evening. 73 wb (Wolfgang B.schel, Germany, 2319 UT, ibid.)

6297.1, SASASAM is on its usual frequency this evening, Oct 9 at 2245, poor in Arabish talk; night before, Brian Alexander caught them on alternate(?) 6248.33. Unusually, Carlos GonÁlves in Portugal was not hearing them on 6297 during this hour (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Polisario Front 6297.09 --- The clandestine station of the Polisario Front in Rabouni, Algeria, started this evening's broadcast moments ago, 1658 UT:

tune, ID at 1702 followed by the frequency announcement, TS at 1703, "national" anthem and then another announcement for prayer; 54443, QRM

from the utility station, identified by Wolfgang B,schel.

Best reception (to decrease QRM level) via the K9AY beamed south. The NE beam gets the strongest signal from that utility station.

At this early hour (for us down here anyway), their parallel outlet of 700 is not audible yet except for carrier detection. It should be fairly audible on my SW coast place. 73, (Carlos GonÁlves, PORTUGAL, Oct 10, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ALGERIA, RASD Tindouf back on its morning channel 6248.33 kHz at 0600 UT, but both RASD Tindouf areas are hit heavily by European NATO digital ute stations, G7D transmission mode, with data modems of 2400 Baud Stanag signals. This Stanag reference on 6243-6249 and 6294-6299 kHz. West-Saharies will not be happy there (Wolfgang B,schel, Germany, Oct 10, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I assume that the Stanag signals are maritime communications. Above 6200 is part of their band, but such signals can be heard in many frequency ranges, and some are known to emanate from the Inskip station not too far south east from me. I'm not sure if it is still a Naval station these days but the tall masts and at least one log periodic plus much more can still be seen in situ. 73 from (Noel Green, NW England, Oct 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6248.33, RASD, 0610-0655, Oct 10, once again heard on this frequency. Tune-in to Qur'an. Lite music and Arabic talk at 0613. Middle-East style local music. Arabic talk. Poor. Weak with rtty-utility QRM and some QRM from a weak Equatorial Guinea on 6250. Somewhat better reception after 0635 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

CLANDESTINE, 6297.15, Polisario Front, Rabouni, ALG, 0736-0803*, 11 Oct'10, Arabic, talks, music and songs, freq. announcement at 0758 when they seemed to list just one fq instead of two, song and into the "natl." anthem; 55444 with the K9AY. 73, (Carlos GonÁlves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ALGERIA, 6248.295-approx., RASD Tindouf in Maghreb? Arabic with Saharui music and songs at 1935 UT, Oct 11, weak signal S=4 only on Eton E1 set. Best on SYNC mode, due of heavy STANAG digital maritime navy signal in range approx. 6242 to 6249 kHz (Wolfgang B,schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also PRIDNESTROVYE

I confirm your observation, and my reading now, 2117 UT, is 6248.35, strong signal from Rabouni as usual, weak utility QRM via the SW end of the K9AY, otherwise, e.g. with the 20 m t2fd antenna or with the 41 m inverted V, too much QRM.

Unlike yesterday, 10 Oct, they were not on (using 6297) today at 1700, nor some 15 minutes later, but then they are more irregular on HF than on the parallel MF outlet, be it on 1550 or 700 as is now the case.

73, (Carlos GonÁlves, Portugal, *ibid.*)

Heard in Louisville, KY, USA, at 2320 UT on 6248.35 in Arabic with MidEastern music on an Eton E1XM receiver, despite less-than-favorable propagation. I was just sorting through the NASWA combined schedules trying to figure out who this was! (Mike Bryant, Louisville, KY, Oct 11, *ibid.*)

Others keep reporting SASASAM on alternate frequency 6248+, but I keep missing it. Oct 11 at 2313 I do detect a poor signal talking on 6248.24 approximately, using the 40-Hz steps with BFO on the DX-398, but margin of error could put it .1 kHz higher as colleagues have measured more accurately. And nothing on 6297.1. Next check at 0015 Oct 12, still poor and can't tell if it is Arabish, or as usually reported in final semihour, Spanish (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

They were back on 6297 this morning. Maybe they're only using 6250 evenings because of the QRM from the (NATO?) utility station on 6297, but I don't think they'll keep this daily changes; most probably, they end up choosing 6250 or some other frequency.

In case you're looking for it on 6250v, they're on 6297.15 just like yesterday's morning; and the utility pest is there too. Signed on at 1800, with no more than the "national" anthem, a brief ID and immediately into prayer, all very quickly. 73, (Carlos GonÁlves, Portugal, Oct 12, *ibid.*)

ALGERIA, RASD Tindouf Rabouni tonight Oct 12 on 6297.13 kHz at 1815 UT, accompanied digital STANAG maritime noise still on 6295.1 to 6299.3 kHz approx. 73 wb (Wolfgang B.schel, *ibid.*)

6297.1, SASASAM back to this frequency Oct 13 at 0609 check, going from chant to YL announcement, plus usual ute beeps aside (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE. 6045, R. Zimbabwe, Gweru. October 10, 0326-0340 tribal music (main voice, choral and percussion), slow African music, sometimes male talks in Vernacular on music, mentioned iZimbabwe. 33433 (Lcio Ot.vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - Dipole 18m, 32m; Longwire 22m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. 4895, 12 OCT, 1837 UT, CLAN (SOUTH AFRICA), Zimbabwe Community Radio with upbeat music and DJ patter with both male and female DJs. Several station IDs. Moderate signal strength, no

QRM and moderate fading (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire/Randomwire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Trans-Pacific MW carrier scan Oct 8 at 1207-1210 UT on DX-398 with internal antenna only, first in LSB position: 1475 (has to be SABAH on unique frequency), 1053, 747, 594.

Next upward in USB position, 1210-1215: 693, 774, 792, 828, 855, 864, 882, 972, 1044, 1053, 1089, 1098, 1134, 1143, 1287, 1314.

At 1220 in AM mode, could hear hets from 891 and 819 (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See JAPAN; KOREA

UNIDENTIFIED. I seem to have better luck with 90m than 60m around sunrise; maybe it's a function of my local noise levels. Oct 8 at 1245 I do get carriers on 4920 (India or Tibet), 4950 (Kashmir or Shanghai) and 4975 (per Aoki, Fujian not on at this hour, just VOR Tajikistan) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

FYI --- 4920, would be India (AIR Chennai). Since April 28, Xizang PBS has been off the air here and I think other frequencies as well. AIR Chennai is presently the strongest AIR being heard on 60m. [later: Xizang reactivated: see TIBET!]

4950, Shanghai signal routinely fair; only rarely can I hear a faint Kashmir underneath. If you ever get a decent signal here, please check Shanghai // 3280 and 5075.

4975, in the past have heard VOR here (Ron Howard, CA, Oct 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4920, Oct 12 at 1240 weak talk is barely audible, slightly on hi side compared to something on MW 920. Could be AIR Chennai, grayline, or Lhasa, Tibet, now reactivated per Hiroshi & S. Hasegawa, Ron Howard, and Anker Petersen (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. EUROPirate: 5050, Central R, UK? IRELAND?, 1741-..., 10 Oct'10, English, pops, talks; still active at 2020; 35332. 73, (Carlos GonÁlves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. RE 10-40, 5840: ``It could be R. Sedaye Zindagi via R. Maranatha, Bishkek KGZ, ex-5130, ex ex-6030. But let's ID it, if it is there tonight! 73, Mauno``

I can't yet confirm it for poor condition and poor modulation. On-air on Mo., We. and Fr. only at *1630-1730*UT. The language sounds like Persian. I can receive the other program on 5130 not // 5840 kHz (S. Hasegawa, Japan, Oct 11, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Don't know if it's listed, but I seem to remember R. FARDA being here for awhile, as well as 5860 relayed from Sri LANKA, I believe (Steven Wiseblood, TX, *ibid.*)

There is not R. Farda and IBB station. Maybe religious station, mainly sermons by OM (S. Hasegawa, *ibid.*)

UNIDENTIFIED. Since I was bandscanning Oct 9 before 24 UT, I checked once again for the anomalies heard only once before in this hour. At 2350, 6165 had no RN Venezuela; 5935 had no BBCWS; 5800 heard more than once, had no WEWN, but some ute QRM on lo side (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED [non]. 6019.28, unidentified station S=7-8 signal, ahead of CRI Sackville in English on 6020.00 even, at 0413 UT Oct 5. Maybe from LatinAM? (Wolfgang Bischel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 5 via DXLD)

R. Victoria, Per', as frequently reported in DXLD varying slightly around this frequency and responsible for het all evening, all night against any real 6020.0 station (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. Tiny signal on 6159.98 an odd signal of 20 Hertz at 0410 UT Oct 13. Russian station are seldom odd frequency, so seemingly one of the two Canadian domestics slightly odd here. 73 wb (Wolfgang Bischel, Oct 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST) CKZN (gh)

UNIDENTIFIED. 8840-SSB, Oct 13 at 1222, 2-way conversation between two guys with exaggerated (but not to them) southern-hick accents, discussing generators, clearance for one's belly. One a lot stronger than the other, using ``comeback'' instead of ``over'' as no doubt escapees from CB. Klingenfuss lists this as an AMS frequency (aeronautical mobile service) but I would have guessed marine (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Re 10-40: Som estranho em 9060 KHz --- Amigos, Vale a pena dar uma olhada na p.gina do grupo Enigma 2000, onde se encontra bastante informaÃ„o:

<http://www.brogers.dsl.pipex.com/enigma2000/>
73, (Alexis de Pontes Maldonado - PY2056SWL, S 23°29.432' W 47°30.437'
- 615m, Sorocaba - SP Brasil, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9575, 2332-2359, 10.9.10, in Portuguese. Excited announcer, musical bridge to another more calm announcer, Brasilian popular music with the more excited announcer between songs. 2359 the Medi 1 transmitter came on and 0000 Medi 1 signed on wiping out the UnID. Poor until then. There were no listings for this frequency at this time in Aoki, EiBi or the last 2 months of DXLD (Mark Taylor,

Madison WI, Winradio g313e, Eton E1, Satellit 800, Kaito 1103;
Flextenna, EWE, attic mounted Eavesdropper, NASWA Flashesheet Oct 10
via DXLD) See MOROCCO

UNIDENTIFIED. 9587.7, weak modulation but stronger carrier here first noticed as het to CRI Spanish on 9590 via Kashgar, EAST TURKISTAN, Oct 9 at 2335, seems in Portuguese, likely the Brazilian perpetually off-frequency, what used to be R. Globo, S,oo Paulo, nominal 9585 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 10500-SSB, weak 2-way, not sure if Spanish, Oct 10 at 1323 in absence of Firedrake (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15705-USB, 2-way in colloquial Spanish, Oct 9 at 2249, one of them whistling into mic, proving his lack of class. Next check at 2356 they were still at it (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 17770, Oct 8 at 1424, Mideast music, YL singer, S9 peaks but deep fades (compared to S9+20 Saudi on 17705); 1427 YL talk unseemed Arabic, and off at 1428:35*. Only thing scheduled is Arabic from Voice of Turkey but supposed to last until 1500 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS
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Tnx to Bruce Miller for a contribution via PayPal to woradio at yahoo.com (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DXLD)

CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES
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2010 MIDWEST FALL DX GET-TOGETHER

Where: Super 8/Andy Williams Theatre
2490 Green Mountain Road
Branson, MO

When: Fri. Nov. 5 - Sun. Nov. 7, 2010

Who's invited: Anyone and everyone who's a DXer! In years past (going back to about the mid-1990s), this GTG has been hosted in places like Rolla, MO and Mount Vernon, IL. This year, it's smack in the heart of the Ozarks. Lots of theatres, shows, and restaurants all around. We may even have a tour of a local FM station. To make a reservation with the Super 8, you may call 1-800-997-5149. 73! (Rick Dau, NE, Oct 12, ABDX via DXLD)

LANGUAGE LESSONS

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Re: ``St. Maarten and Curac,,o [sic] will become independent countries within the Kingdom and will be granted the same status that Aruba attained in 1986.''

Glenn, "CuraÁao", "Curac,,o": which is correct? None actually. "CuraÁ,,o" is ancient Portuguese for "cura", cure. - and surely not to be taken as misspelled "coraÁ,,o", heart, which shares the same pronunciation.

That is just one of the few Caribbean islands that got Portuguese names, among which Barbados, bearded men, for instance. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn, Re 10-40: "Using abbrs. for relevant radio subject matter is one thing; TIS and HAR are not something I made up but long-standing acronyms for these. (...) (gh)"

I think I didn't say that, i.e. you made those abbreviations up.

"Truncating ordinary plain English words is quite another thing, I find maddening, and am constantly having to expand them in order to make DXLD readable, e.g. your ``adj.'' for adjacent, and on and on. You may be saving milliseconds by not writing in plain English, but you are costing me a lot of editorial time. We are not constrained to save paper or bits, and with cooperation of contributors can have a readable uncluttered epublication (gh)"

Without wishing to be partial on the issue, I suppose the abbrs. I use are simple, self explanatory (wrong assumption?, general opinion?, just your view?), so I feel no time should be wasted in adapting my text, all the more so if you claim what you said about time wasting, but it would be only unpolite if I didn't thank you for that, so thank you! 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, those are easily understood; I just don't like abbr'ing ordinary English words. Except for ``abbr.'' and its derivatives: the word ``abbreviation`` by its very nature should never be spelt out. Save the acronyms and initialisms for DX/SW lingo (gh)

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM

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ETON E1 FREQUENCY READOUTS INACCURATE

Stewart, since all your logs (in this report at least [including 7 others; see MOROCCO]) are ``actually'' off-frequency to the low side, 30 to 70 Hz, could it be that your frequency measurer needs calibration? Or do you also find others as far off to the high side? 73, (Glenn Hauser, ODXA yg via DXLD)

Glenn: He uses an Eton E1. I've tried to communicate with him, that his receiver likely reads ~50Hz off (mine does on the low side), but I can't get a response. And anyway, you're reading/"hearing" by ear at best so accuracy can't be that exact. TD (Theo Donnelly, BC, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

If you are referring to my own logs, I try to make clear that such measurements are relative and/or have a margin of error, rather than just assuming a readout is accurate (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

Hi Glen[n], A good comment about my loggings showing consistently low "actual" frequencies, and the quick answer to your question is, "I don't know at the moment". My usual "shack" is all torn up due to rewiring of the house, getting rid of 90-year-old knob and tube wiring. The blessed electricians are working on a fixed price quote, but taking their time and doing other (probably more lucrative) jobs in between their demolition spurts, here. So everything is under wraps which in turn are under a nice film of plaster and dust. I hide out up on the 3rd floor, and pretend I'm not concerned about the chaos down below.

The Eton E1 HAS been serviced by Drake (who knows what that means though) and performs really well otherwise. I zero-beat the USB signal, then compare a song-note on USB vs LSB to get the "actual" value that I record. (Helps ID a station sometimes when we go back to it, for anyone else who might not follow the reason for doing this).

There is "some" spread between repeated reports, but very little once the set is warmed up (and I keep it plugged in all the time to the power supply, whether or not that helps). Spread is pretty nominal, like .93 to .94 for most decent broadcasters (excluding some who seem to like to wiggle around jammers, of course). Yes, there are a handful that are a tad high, and a limited few who seem pretty much dead-on. I do intend to "calibrate" the E1 vs fancier stuff down in the dungeons, but the coax lines are all torn up at the moment, and I think I may have to invite the live-in-electricians to Christmas dinner. (Course that means the guys will have to sort out the Christmas tree lights, and I have a few antennas to put up before the first snowfall, too).

There is a small advantage to the (likely) low-reading frequency-adjust, in that scanning the SWL bands on USB is a snap, if you are intent on finding Side Bands (as an indicator of mouse-squeaks that

deserve digging out of the mud). (And THAT is more of a smoking gun, as far as I'm concerned, that the E1's frequency adjustment may be off 20-30 Hz or so). In the meantime, until I get the sucker checked against another accurate radio in the dungeon, I'll just delete that info from any reports I submit.

Thanks again for all the constructive comments; always appreciate the advice from a more experienced observer. Regards, (Bob Stewart, Hamilton Ont, ODXA yg via DXLD)

1710 KHZ PIRATES

Glenn, here is why you're getting all these 1710 kHz pirate reports there everywhere. This one in MA or CT is still on the air. Check out these links.

[first two about plans for building 1710 kHz transmitters]

<http://www.maxmcarter.com/classexmtr/circuitdescription.php>

<http://www.maxmcarter.com/hg303/index.html>

[discussion of 1710 Russians in Washington state]

<http://feedback.pdxradio.com/topic/pirate-on-1710-khz>

(Jim, Ware MA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

1710 is still on the air here in Massachusetts. I have called the FCC about it (Jim, Ware, 1330 UT Oct 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re: CONGRESS PASSES LAW ORDERING FCC TO LOWER VOLUME ON TV COMMERCIALS

Should the FCC try to legislate "loudness", it will probably be a moot point anyway to most people. Only broadcast stations will be regulated. Cable only or satellite only channels will not be affected and they will surely not follow the new rules (Bob Smoak, Bamberg, S. C., Oct 6, ABDX via DXLD)

The FCC would do much better to regulate the amount of audio processing that AM and FM stations use. There are so many program directors and general managers out there who still, in this day and age, believe the way to high ratings is to ensure their station is the LOUDEST thing on the dial. Not true. It's a left-over bit of "wisdom" from the days of top 40 radio in the 60s and 70s. Today it is more important for a radio station to sound clean.

In today's market of diverse media choices - satellite radio, Ipods, CDs, etc - the importance of unpolluted, smooth audio is paramount. Broadcasters are no longer just competing against one another but against media that are inherently superior in audio quality to radio. Consequently, radio needs to keep its audio as clean and sparkling as possible.

If the FCC wants to regulate audio, that is where they need to begin. PDs and GMs (And some old school engineers) will never clean it up unless forced to.

There was an interesting article in this month's Radio World (a trade publication) that talked about this very subject, specifically concerning AM. The author's conclusion (with which I concur) is that much of today's processing actually makes it more difficult and draining to listen to broadcast audio. 73, (Rene' Tetro, PA, *ibid.*)

WI-FI RADIOS

I love wi-fi radio. For listening to music, there is nothing better. I have apps for my itouch, and use mostly Pandora and Wunder Radio (thousands of stations classified by genre and location), but I own a couple of Sangean wi-fi radios and use them all the time. They use Reciva (similar to Wunder Radio) and you can program the radio to hook up directly to Pandora so that you can listen to the music you prefer. There are also memory settings to save stations you particularly like.

The only thing I miss from Satellite is the football programming - even if a station carries a team's games, they are almost always "blacked out" on the wi-fi stream. The Sangean radios we have look great (sleek, modern black boxes), have terrific stereo sound, and have aux in and out jacks on the back. The model is WFR-20 and I highly recommend them - we've never had a problem with either one, and they were very easy to set up (Emily Keene, Middletown, NJ, ABDX via DXLD)

Fellow ABDXers, There are ways of enhancing WiFi coverage through more efficient antennas and the like. At work, we have a WiFi system to cover our hearing room, so that the Commissioners, lawyers for the parties, etc. can use their laptops to connect for looking up statutes, regulations etc. The move toward the paperless courtroom idea. In fact, I am going to be reminding our tech guy to order some high gain antennas - so we can improve coverage. I've also got to give him a hand installing a nice rack mount broadcast call in device - this is so we can have someone participate in a hearing via the telephone - thus linking the hearing room PA system, digital recording system etc.

I find WiFi very helpful as a DXer. I have become an ipod touch addict [caught that from my wife, who won hers in a contest]. With the ipod touch, I can check my ABDX emails, keep an eye on eBay bargains, check out radio station websites, listen to streaming audio to verify a DX catch etc. I also have a solar forecast app, an app to keep tabs on what parts of the world are light/greyline/dark etc.

WiFi can generate interference, but I find it is mostly something that plagues the FM band - perhaps TV as well. There are things that can be done to rein in the interference - AC powerline filters, winding wall-wart wire through multiple turns in ferrite, etc. They don't eliminate the problem, but they help keep the RF pollution from hitching a ride over the powerlines. Sometime I must take and post some pics as that tells the story better than words (Phil VY2PR Rafuse, PEI, ABDX via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See ERITREA; ETHIOPIA; GERMANY;
+++++ LUXEMBOURG; RUSSIA

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV See USA
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LIGHTNING MAPS

Glen[n] Hauser pointed out this URL for a lightning map:
http://www.weather.com/maps/activity/golf/uslightningstrikes_large.html?from=mapofweek

I use this one a lot (and think it to be quite nice):
<http://thunderstorm.vaisala.com/explorer.html>

(JimTonne, ABDX via DXLD)

I had Vaisala's bookmarked too, but lost it when they moved it (gh)

CHORDAL MODE MEDIUMWAVE PROPAGATION

I think you may have hit a case of "chordal mode" propagation just before dawn fade-out when a tilt in the reflecting layer sends the signal "sideways" just below the arc of that reflecting layer as it stays roughly parallel to the earth's surface. When it intersects that arc towards the other end of the signal path, you have avoided several lossy bounces off the earth.

This causes a significant signal boost, typically for a short time interval (though obviously longer than meteor scatter on FM). Transmitting and receiving antennas that have high angle patterns, usually poor antennas for DX, can actually be quite effective. Spain on 1359 has such an antenna and can briefly blast in here on the US East Coast at its local dawn, even though it is mediocre most of the evening (Mark Connelly, WA1ION, MA, ultralight group via Gary DeBock,

WA, IRCA via DXLD)

The week began with quiet geomagnetic conditions. A solar sector boundary (from negative to positive) was observed on 05 October and was accompanied by a slightly enhanced interplanetary magnetic field, resulting in mostly quiet to unsettled levels with some isolated active and minor storm periods at some high latitude sites for 05-06 October. Another solar sector boundary (positive to negative) was observed late on 07 October, followed by yet another boundary crossing (negative to positive) on 10 October. Activity levels for 07-10 October were generally quiet with a few isolated unsettled periods and one isolated active period at high latitudes.

FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 13 OCT - 08 NOV 2010

Solar activity is expected to be predominantly at very low levels. There is a possibility for brief intervals reaching low levels, depending on the emergence of new sunspot groups. No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit. The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at normal to moderate levels during the period.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be mostly quiet. However, generally unsettled levels are expected for 16-17 October and 21-22 October due to recurrent high speed solar wind streams.

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# Product description and SWPC contact on the Web
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(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1534, DXLD) ####